



# Responsible animal health and welfare

**Good animal health is an essential component of good animal welfare.**

Keeping animals healthy is our collective responsibility and needs a comprehensive approach. One which spans **biosecurity, vaccination and treatment.**

And one where our **industry, veterinary surgeons, farmers, pet owners** and all those who touch animals' lives, work together. This collaborative approach includes developing health plans, investigating the causes of disease, methods for reducing disease, and appropriate treatment if disease does occur.

### For veterinary professionals

it means everything from championing preventative healthcare, to appropriate nutrition and overall health management. It also means using tools to make accurate diagnoses and to select the best approach when it comes to caring for the UK's animals.

### For farmers and pet owners

it means working in close consultation with their vets and other animal health professionals to prevent ill health and to treat their animals as recommended.

This is our blueprint for keeping the UK's animals *healthy...*

## Improving animal health and welfare

### STOP

disease getting to the animal

Taking appropriate measures designed to **reduce the risk of exposure to infectious diseases** in farm livestock

Protecting our pets through **responsible pet healthcare**

### EQUIP

animals to fight disease if they do encounter it

Keeping up with **preventative healthcare measures** such as vaccination and antiparasitics

**Maintaining good animal health**, for example, through a sustainable approach to good farm management and appropriate nutrition

### TREAT

animals appropriately when sickness is unavoidable

Having the **right medicines available is key**

When it comes to bacterial infections, veterinary surgeons need a **range of antibiotics** available in order to prescribe the **most appropriate treatment**

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