

NOTES ON SOME TOPICS IN APPLIED ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

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INTRODUCTION

Why do we study domestic animal behaviour?

There are several reasons:

- (1) To manage and move stock without causing undue stress.
- (2) To design facilities which consider the needs of the animals. These facilities include housing systems for intensive husbandry, holding pens, loading and unloading ramps, transport vehicles, and provision for special operations, e.g. slaughtering, shearing, dipping.
- (3) To manage grazing animals and pest species.
- (4) To learn about the behaviour of pet animals and the bond between pet and owner.

If these factors are taken into account, not only will animals be more productive but their welfare will be assured.

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