



The journey of animal welfare improvement: New Zealand's experience

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Animal welfare in New Zealand

- Animal Welfare Act 1999
 - Regulations provide directly enforceable standards
 - Codes of welfare provide detail
- Minister of Agriculture
- Ministry for Primary Industries

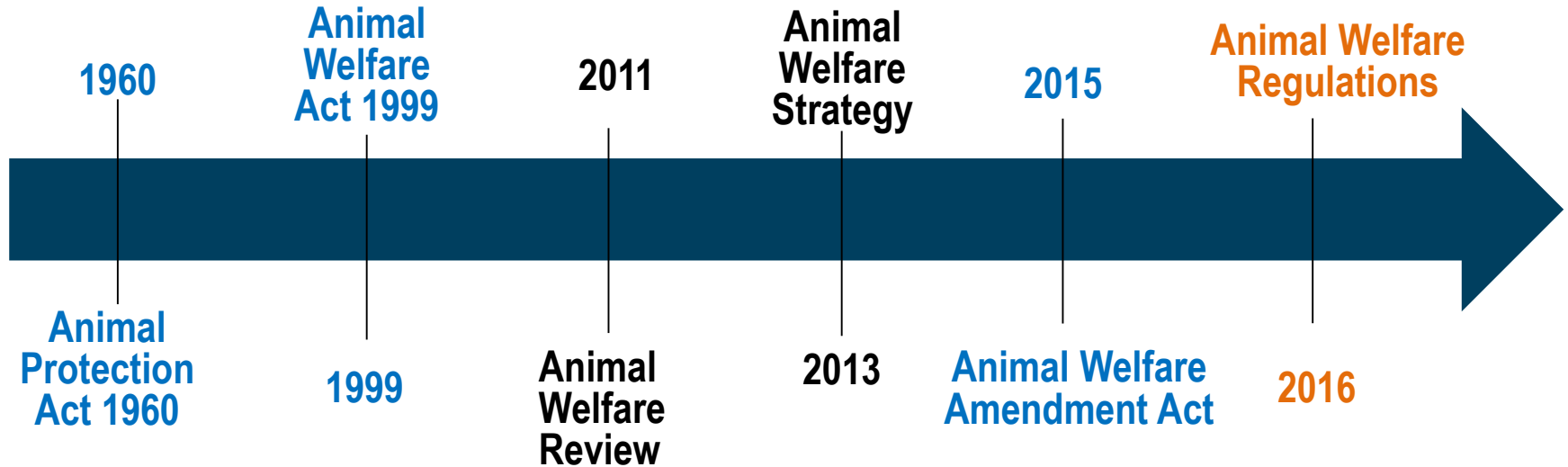


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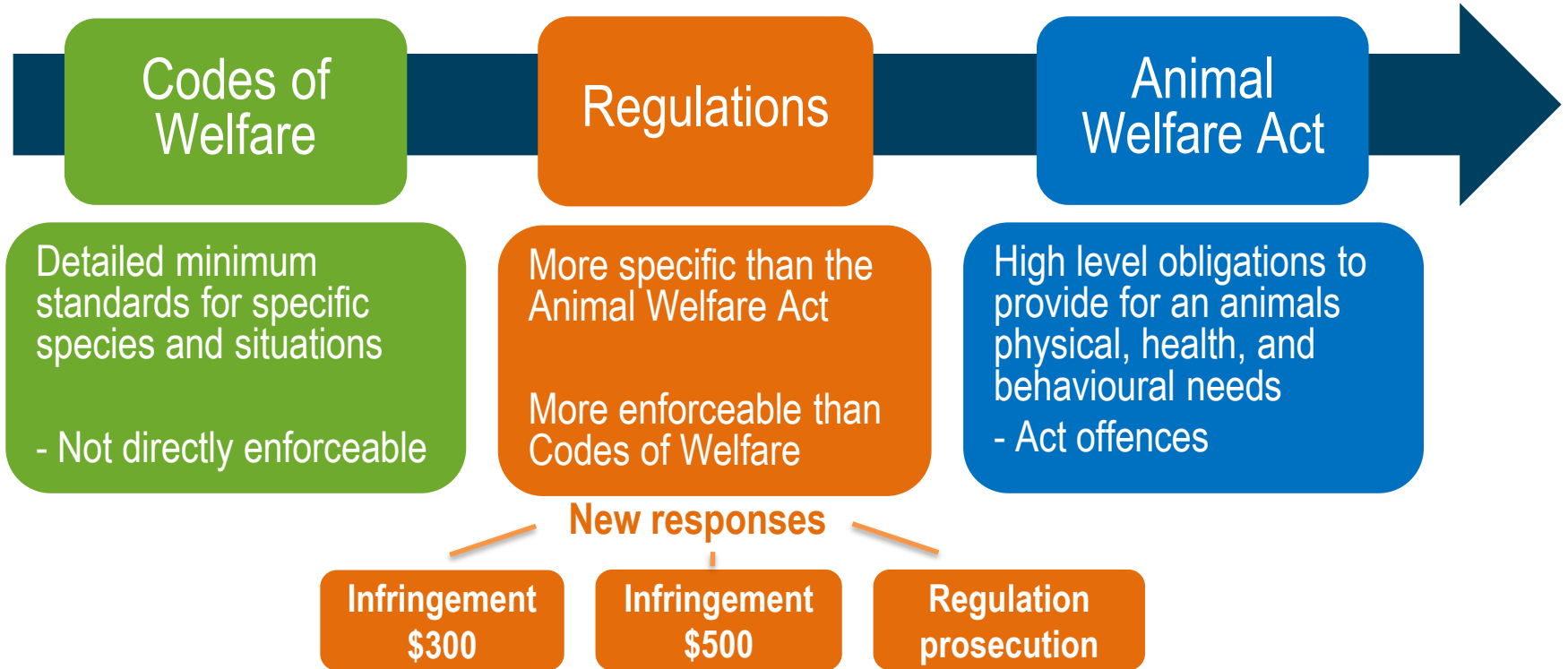
- *Animal Welfare Matters* Strategy to support care of animals and reputation for integrity
- OIE Regional Animal Welfare Strategy and Collaborating Centre
- Emergency management
- History of close collaboration with the EU



How we got here:



Animal welfare regulations



Animal welfare regulations

- Serious offending could be dealt with under the Animal Welfare Act
- But low to medium level offending sometimes difficult to deal with
 - Codes of Welfare (and their minimum standards) difficult to enforce
- The Animal Welfare Act was amended in May 2015 to enable directly enforceable regulations to be made
- Regulations, for the most part, reflected existing minimum standards
 - Six went beyond minimum standards to reflect updated good practice and scientific knowledge (e.g. dog tail docking and disbudding / dehorning regulations).



Animal welfare regulations

2018 regulations cover a very diverse range of requirements including:

- Restrictions on transporting animals
- Killing crabs, rock lobster, crayfish and kōura
- Dogs on moving vehicles
- Tethering (goats and horses)
- Use of equipment that may injure llama or alpaca
- Pigs access to shelter and dry lying area
- Prohibition on fireworks at rodeos
- Docking tails (cattle, dogs and pigs)



Young calf Regulations



Education & collaboration

Objective:

- Animal owners, persons in charge of animals, transport operators and vets are aware of their responsibilities
- Develop and deliver guidance and training to help people understand and comply with the new regulations
- Raise public awareness of AW system and compliance requirements



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If you're at the @dairy_women conference in Rotorua, come and chat to Leonie & Penny about animal welfare. We're giving away a TailWell to promote 'trim the hair, not the tail' #DWN18

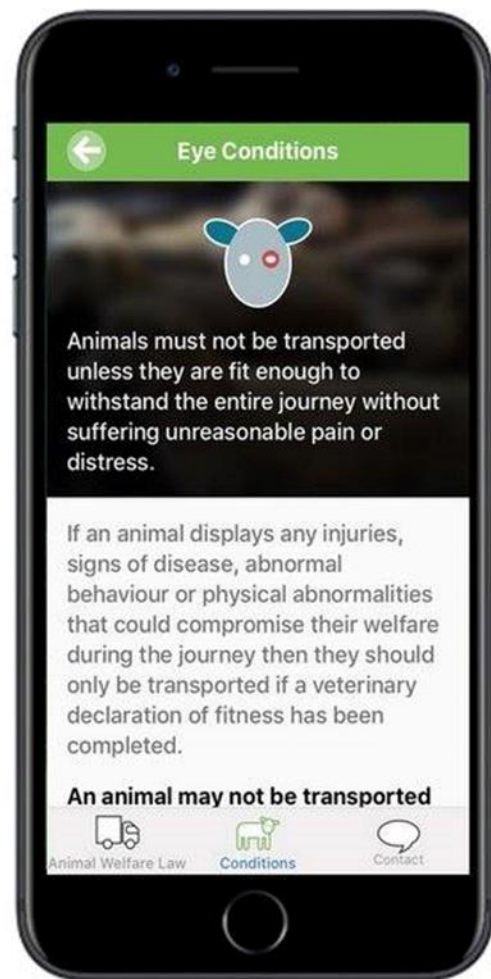
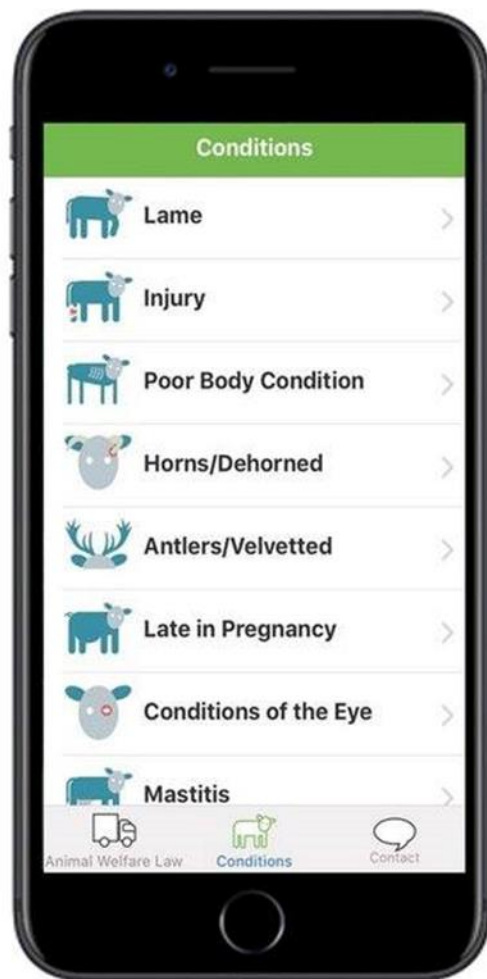


Education & collaboration

Key messages and visuals used in:

- Social media
- Mainstream media
- Industry publications
- Pamphlets
- Vet practices
- Events
- Presentations
- Videos
- App





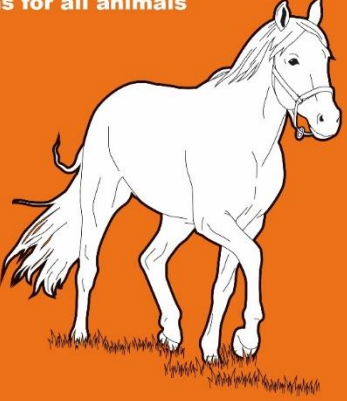
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We're not horsing around!

There's new animal welfare regulations for all animals



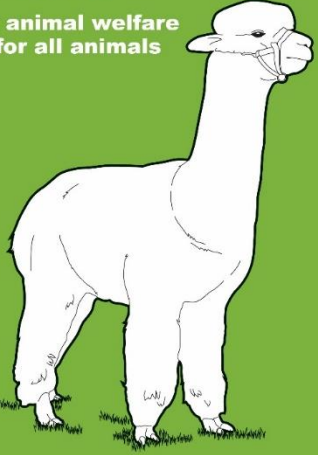
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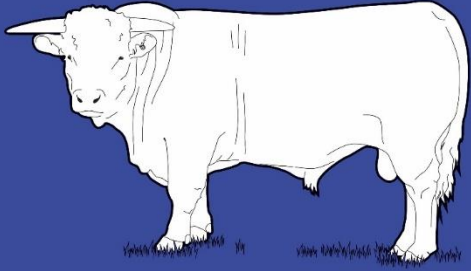
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The journey continues...

- The next round of regulations is due in 2019/2020 and will apply to surgical and painful procedures
- Emergency management
- Understanding effective behaviour change
- Positive welfare



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