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Through Rose-Colored Glasses: How Perception Shapes Evaluation of Wellbeing

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Society has granted veterinary professionals with the ultimate responsibility of guiding decisions regarding the killing of animals. As compassionate individuals, the profession has generated guidelines and expectations surrounding the decision making process for this responsibility. Many times, the guidelines and expectations are developed from this place of compassion, with the perspective of the human superimposed on the predicted perspective of the animal. However, the human perspective is greatly shaped by their own experiences and may not be an accurate representation of the actual experience of the animal. An appropriate evaluation of animal well-being requires that the evaluation be at the level of the animal. We will explore the relationship of veterinary medicine with the range of language associated with the killing of animals and how this language is shaped by human perception. We will also review the tools and traps that are inherent in the evaluation of well-being of animals during these procedures. The ultimate goal of this presentation is to assist in the understanding of how to objectively evaluate the well-being of individual animals during the killing procedure.

Pizza will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

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