

The 5 Freedoms of Animal Welfare

The 5 Freedoms of Animal Welfare have been established by the OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health) to ensure that all animals, including dogs, can live dignified and healthy lives. CIAVCEP (International Council of Veterinary Trainers, Breeders, Specialists, and Protectors A.C) promotes these freedoms to educate and raise awareness about animal welfare.

1. Freedom from Hunger and Thirst

o **Meaning:** Dogs must always have access to fresh water, and food should be provided at least once or twice a day, according to their age and nutritional needs.

o **Example:** A dog that has a full water bowl and receives kibble in the morning and afternoon.

2. Freedom from Discomfort

o **Meaning:** Dogs need a comfortable and safe environment to live.

o **Example:** A dog that has a soft bed inside the house and a covered area in the yard to shelter from the sun.

3. Freedom from Pain, Injury, and Disease

o **Meaning:** They should receive proper medical care to prevent and treat any health problems.

o **Example:** A dog that visits the vet for annual check-ups and receives necessary vaccinations.

4. Freedom to Express Normal Behavior
o **Meaning:** Dogs need enough space and opportunities to play, socialize, and behave naturally.

o **Example:** A dog that can go to the park to play and run with other dogs.

5. Freedom from Fear and Distress

o **Meaning:** Dogs should live in an environment that minimizes stress and fear.

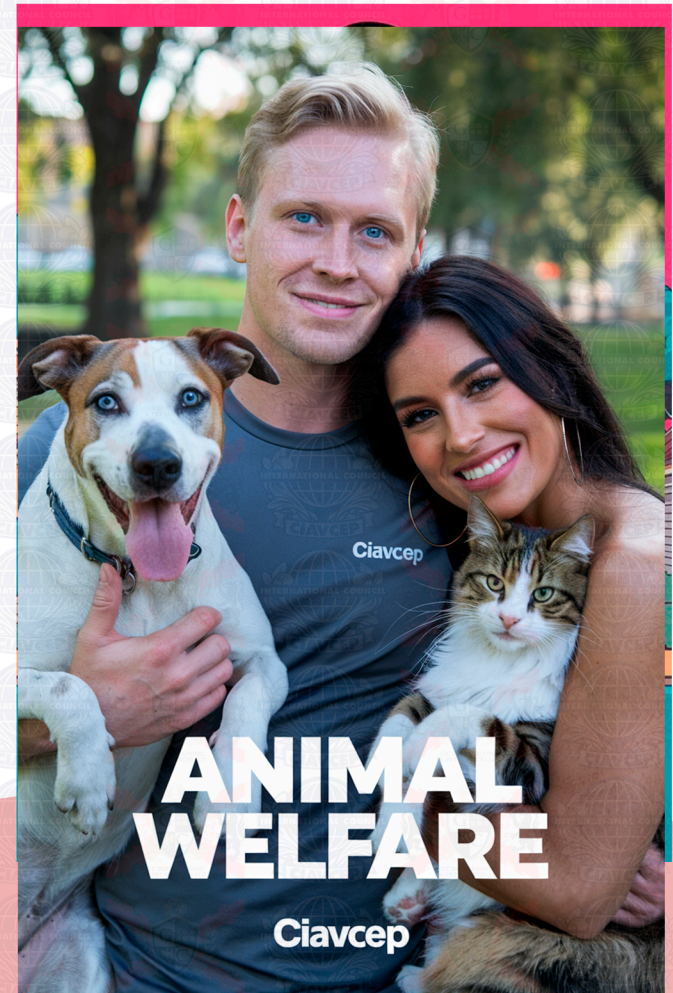
o **Example:** A dog that feels secure at home and receives affection and attention from its owner.

Why CIAVCEP Promotes These Freedoms

CIAVCEP is dedicated to promoting animal welfare through education and awareness. By spreading these 5 freedoms, they aim to help people understand how to better care for their dogs and other animals. In doing so, they foster respect and responsibility towards animals, contributing to a kinder and more compassionate community. This information is vital for more people to become interested in ensuring the welfare of their dogs and other animals.

Guiding Civic Values for Responsible Pet Owners

Being a responsible pet owner means being a good neighbor. It's about caring for your pet and ensuring it doesn't bother others. This includes keeping your pet safe and healthy, training it to behave well, and cleaning up after it. Following these rules makes everyone safe and happy, and makes our community a better place for people and pets.



Value 1: Full Responsibility for Your Pet's Behavior

When you decide to have a pet, you take on an important responsibility towards its well-being and that of your community. This means you must be aware that all of your dog's actions are directly your responsibility as their guardian. It's not just about picking up the waste they leave behind but also about managing their behavior in the environment. For this reason, it is crucial to educate your pet and also educate yourself about their care, needs, and behavior. Being a responsible owner is key to ensuring the safety and well-being of both your dog and the people and other animals around them

Value 2: Do Not Let Your Dog Go Outside Without Supervision

Potential Consequences:

- Property damage (digging, chewing, defecating)
- Loss or theft of the dog
- Injuries or death (traffic accidents, attacks from other animals)
- Unwanted mating
- Conflicts with neighbors
- Legal issues (liability for damages caused by the dog)



Value 3: Always use a collar and leash for your dog

Potential Consequences of not using a leash and collar:

- Traffic accidents involving your dog
- Your dog getting lost
- Your dog injuring or frightening other people
- Conflicts or fights with other dogs
- Legal issues if your dog causes damage or injury



Value 4: Always Pay Attention to Your Dog, Even in Dog Parks

Potential Consequences of Not Paying Attention:

- Fights between dogs
- Injuries to another dog or person
- Loss or theft of the dog
- Ingestion of something harmful (e.g., excessive barking, chasing)



Value 5: Don't let your dog bother other dogs

Potential Consequences of ignoring other dog owners' requests:

- Dog fights
- Injuries to dogs involved
- Conflict or arguments between dog owners
- Negative reputation for you and your dog
- Legal action if your dog causes injury to another animal



Value 6: Do Not Allow Your Dog to Bother People

Potential Consequences of Your Dog Bothering People:

- Fear or anxiety in people
- Injuries to people (bites, scratches, tripping, and falls)
- Complaints from neighbors or community members
- Legal actions for damages caused by your dog to someone



Value 7: Never touch a dog without the owner's permission

Potential Consequences of touching a dog without permission:

- Dog bite or scratch
- Injury to yourself
- Conflict with the dog owner
- Creating fear or anxiety in the dog



Value 8: Respect the Personal Space of Animals

Potential Consequences of Invading an Animal's Personal Space:

- Stepping on or hurting the animal
- Causing stress or fear in the animal
- Triggering aggressive behavior from the animal (growling, biting, attacking)
- Creating a negative experience for the animal

