

## **Assessment of human–animal relationships on dairy farms – part two**

### **Summary**

The sentience of farm animals is the fundamental criterion for assessing their welfare. Apart from minimizing animals' pain and suffering (the Five Freedoms) increasing emphasis is placed on positive manifestations of human–animal relationships. Therefore the aim of the study was to learn the opinions of people working with dairy cattle on a daily basis regarding the ability of these animals to experience both negative and positive reactions in this context. The survey conducted among 130 individuals revealed that the respondents not only pay considerable attention to animals' pain and distinguish it from their psychological suffering, but also perceived positive emotions in cattle. As sources of pleasure for these animals, the respondents mainly indicated the pleasure of consuming feed, spending time in a cattle run or pasture, and social relations in a group of animals, but also human–animal relationships.

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