

## **Assessment of human -animal relationships on dairy farms – part 1**

### **Summary**

Human-animal relationships on the farm on the one hand arise from centuries of coevolution of people and domesticated animals and on the other hand exert a significant influence on the nature of contemporary animal production. A survey was conducted on dairy farms in southern and south-western Poland, acquiring opinions from 130 respondents on their perceptions of dairy cattle as animals they work with. The respondents' description of human-animal relationships was very often shown to extend far beyond breeding and production. It can be concluded from the results that the respondents view human-animal relationships as a kind of cooperation, rather than as ruthless exploitation of animals by people.

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