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Advanced Diploma in Animal Protection Laws***

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Take Home Examination (July 1-4, 2022)

Paper I – 1.2.4. Animal Ethics

TOTAL MARKS: 70

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions for Take Home Examination carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) *Please mention your name, ID No., subject name and total number of pages on the Answer Sheet.*
 - c) *Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.*
 - d) *Since this is a take home exam, we expect your answers to be analytical rather than straight answers.*
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- f) The word limits listed is the upper limit. Negative marking of 0.5 will be applied for every extra 100 words. Students will not be penalized for writing less than the word limit, as long as the requisite points have been covered.
 - g) You are required to answer the questions in your own words. Copy-pasting from either the material sent by the DDE, faculty, ALC or any online source will be considered plagiarism and you will receive a zero for the answer.
 - h) As this paper is centered around the interpretation and understanding of law, you may additionally draw information from sources beyond what was specifically taught in this subject. All legal arguments and sources are counted for this paper, so long as they are legally sound and valid.
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1. Sentience is universally accepted as a standard to decide who will be the beneficiaries of animals. The ethics of sentience as the gold standard has been questioned on various grounds. Rationality or intelligence which forms the basis of sentience is an exclusionary concept that privileges humans and humaneness. Write a comment on the effectiveness of sentience in furthering animal welfare and explore the available alternatives to sentience. **1500 words (30 marks)**

2. The link between animal abuse and domestic abuse is well established. The direction of abuse that is what comes first-environmental abuse or animal cruelty is yet to be determined, however, what is clear is that there is an interlink. The issue that arises from here is what is to be done with the scientific evidence on a law and policy level. Some countries have legislated pet and women safety under the same heading but that may be unacceptable to some animal liberation activists and women rights activists. However, some activists who believe in an intersectional approach appreciate such steps. Comment on the observation above based on the readings supplied in the course material and class discussion.
- 1500 words (30 marks)**

3. Write a short note on ANY TWO:

- a. Utilitarianism
- b. Conflict of interest between animals and humans
- c. Vulnerability as a criteria to include animals in constitutional community

500 words each (5+5=10 marks)