



## **FIVE FREEDOMS PHILOSOPHY**

### Freedom from *\*Hunger\**

- Dogs need to be fed daily.
- Dogs should always have a supply of clean water.
- In a shelter every dog in each house should be given the opportunity to eat.

### Freedom from *\*Discomfort\**

- Provide somewhere for the dogs to shelter from extreme weather conditions.
- Provide some form of bed (could be an upturned wooden pallet).
- Make sure any bedding is dry and clean.
- Do not leave the dogs to lie in urine or faeces.
- Keep a check on the length of the dogs' claws making sure that they are not too long.

### Freedom from *\*Pain, Injury and Disease\**

- Check fittings in the houses to make sure nothing could cause the dogs injury.
- Use disinfectant when cleaning unless the temperature is below freezing.
- Keep sick dogs isolated.
- If a dog is looking depressed have it checked over by the vet to make sure that it is not in pain.

### Freedom from *\*Fear and Distress\**

- Do not mix a young dog with a group of dominant adults.
- Ensure that a nervous dog is given the opportunity to have its own space away from noisy and boisterous dogs.
- Do not let visitors to the shelter tease the dogs in any way.
- Be very patient with a nervous, old or sick dog.

### Freedom to *\*Express Normal Behaviour\**

- Encourage the dogs to play.
- Provide an exercise area big enough for the dogs to be able to run.
- Provide stimulation (plastic bottles and cardboard boxes are good fun).
- Allow old dogs to sleep during the day (they love to lie in the sun).

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