

This book provides a comprehensive description of the protection of animal dignity under Swiss law. The concept, which is still unique in the world, is based on the inherent worth of animals and grants them more than protection from pain, suffering, harm, or anxiety. The legal recognition of animal dignity also safeguards animals against non-sentientist injuries, such as humiliation, excessive instrumentalization, and substantial interference with their appearance or abilities.

For animal law, animal dignity protection constitutes a milestone. This book critically discusses the basic ideas, implications, challenges, and opportunities of the concept. While highlighting a number of shortcomings, the book also demands various improvements. It is aimed at animal lawyers, academics, scholars, and all other people interested in a constant amelioration of the legal protection of animals throughout the world.

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