

Better Training for Safer Food *Initiative*

Training course on “Animal Welfare in pig production”

THE EXPERIENCE OF ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTION AS PERCIEVED BY DANISH LIVESTOCK FARMERS

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The Research

A qualitative research
approach

The researcher followed 22
unannounced inspections on
Danish livestock farms
between 2009-2010

Interviews with inspectors and
farmers about the cases

Analysing interviews



A Meeting

Inspector arrives, meeting farmer, presents herself

Most areas with pigs look fine but then..

Sick pens were not in compliance

Two sick pigs found in a gang-way, waiting to be moved into sick pens or to be euthanized

Consequence for the farmer: withdraw of EU-allowance

Farmer argues that most of his pigs are fine and this was a question of the inspector being concerned with 'trifling details'

Inspector defends the individual animal

Results – farmers' experience of animal welfare inspection

- Inspection as necessary
- Inspection process as unfair – but farmers also ask to be treated in an individual way
- Inspection as a lack of information, too many rules

A dialogue that was not there

Discussion - The meeting between different domains

The domain of production, the official language/the law

The personal domain: Language of values about animal welfare - the farmers' daily practise

The domain of reflection – a possible meeting?

New possibilities within inspection ?

Key value: to treat all offenders equally – inspectors ask for meaning in their job – focusing on the preventive aspect

Courses/education for inspectors of animal welfare should include tools for communication

Action plans – not only fines. Example: food-pad lesions broilers. Does it make communication easier?

Campaigns on specific themes – given more room in Denmark

Thank You - further reading

Livestock Science:

The experience of animal welfare inspection as perceived by Danish livestock farmers: A qualitative research approach. Anneberg et al, 2011

Animal Welfare:

- *To inspect, to motivate — or to do both? A dilemma for on-farm inspection of animal welfare. Anneberg et al, 2013*

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