

# Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW)

## Assignments (July 2025 & January 2026 Sessions)



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**Dear Learner,**

You will have to do one assignment with five questions for each course. Each assignment carries 100 marks with 30% weightage in the final assessment. Irrespective of the year and session of the registration you need to submit the latest assignments uploaded on the website.

**Instructions**

- 1) Please write the following details on the first page of each assignment:
  - Name & Full Address:
  - Enrolment No.:
  - Admission Session:
  - Course Code:
  - Course Title:
  - Regional Centre:
- 2) Use A-4 size plain / ruled paper for your responses. Write on both the sides with margin and tie / staple all the pages carefully - course wise.
- 3) Write the question number with each answer.
- 4) You should write in your **own handwriting** and **only handwritten assignments are evaluated**.
- 5) Last date for submitting the assignments for July 2025 Session is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026** and for January 2026 Session is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2026** (Check University website for date extension, if any).
- 6) Speed post the assignments to:
 

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Keep a scan copy of assignments with you until the marks are reflected in your grade card.

**Guidelines**

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignments carefully. Go through the self learning material / web references on which they are based. Make points regarding each question and then rearrange these in a logical order.
- 2) **Organization:** Be a little more selective and analytical. Give attention to your introduction and conclusion. The introduction must offer brief interpretation of the question and how you propose to develop it. The conclusion must summarize your response to the question.
- 3) **Make sure that your answer:**
  - a) is around 800 words for each question.
  - b) is logical, coherent and has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
  - c) is written correctly giving adequate consideration to your expression, style and presentation.
- 4) **Presentations:** Once you are satisfied with your answers, you can write the final version for submission. Write each answer neatly and underline the points you wish to emphasize.
- 5) **Please contact the Programme Coordinator for any academic help / clarification:**

(Prof. P.V.K.Sasidhar, e-mail: pvksasidhar@ignou.ac.in)

## **ASSIGNMENT - 4**

### **Animal Welfare Practices, Economics and Livelihood**

**Course Code: MAW-004**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the questions. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Discuss the minimum welfare standards and good practices for dairy animals in breeding and husbandry, housing, feeding and healthcare.
2. What are the specific welfare issues in small ruminants? Describe the minimum standards and good practices in housing, feeding, breeding, healthcare and general management of small ruminants.
3. Discuss the minimum standards of care for working equines and camels. Explain the maximum load allowed on working bullocks and elephants as per guidelines.
4. What is the importance of environmental enrichment in welfare of zoo animals? Discuss different categories of environment enrichments with examples.
5. How to compare different countries on animal welfare and protection of animals? Explain the background and methodology followed to develop the Animal Protection Index.