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Non-human animals: consciousness, rationality and animal rights



Box 20.2 Case study: Animal emotions

When Dorothy, an elderly chimp, died staff of the Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Centre conducted her burial in full view of the other chimps. They rushed to the perimeter of their enclosure and stood silently in line with their hands on each others' shoulders (see Figure 20.1) to watch.



Box 20.17 Case studies: Undercover investigations of animal abuse

In 1996 Huntingdon Life Sciences was infiltrated by a journalist who filmed a member of staff punching a beagle held by another member of staff.⁴⁴ Two employees, admitting to charges of 'cruelly terrifying' dogs, were prosecuted under the Protection of Animals Act 1911 and dismissed.

The National Anti-Vivisection Society undertook an undercover investigation into the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School in 1994–95.⁴⁵ They presented their report to the Home Office. The resulting investigation found 'irregularities in the application of approved methods for the humane killing of animals and deficiencies in middle management'. The school's licence for keeping animals for research purposes was revoked until it had retrained staff and made changes to its arrangements for animal care.⁴⁶