

What is Animal Welfare?

1 A COMMON BASIS FOR ALL ANIMALS...

Animal welfare is the **POSITIVE** mental and physical state associated with the satisfaction of an animal's physiological and behavioral needs, as well as its expectations.

This state varies depending on its **PERCEPTION** of a situation.

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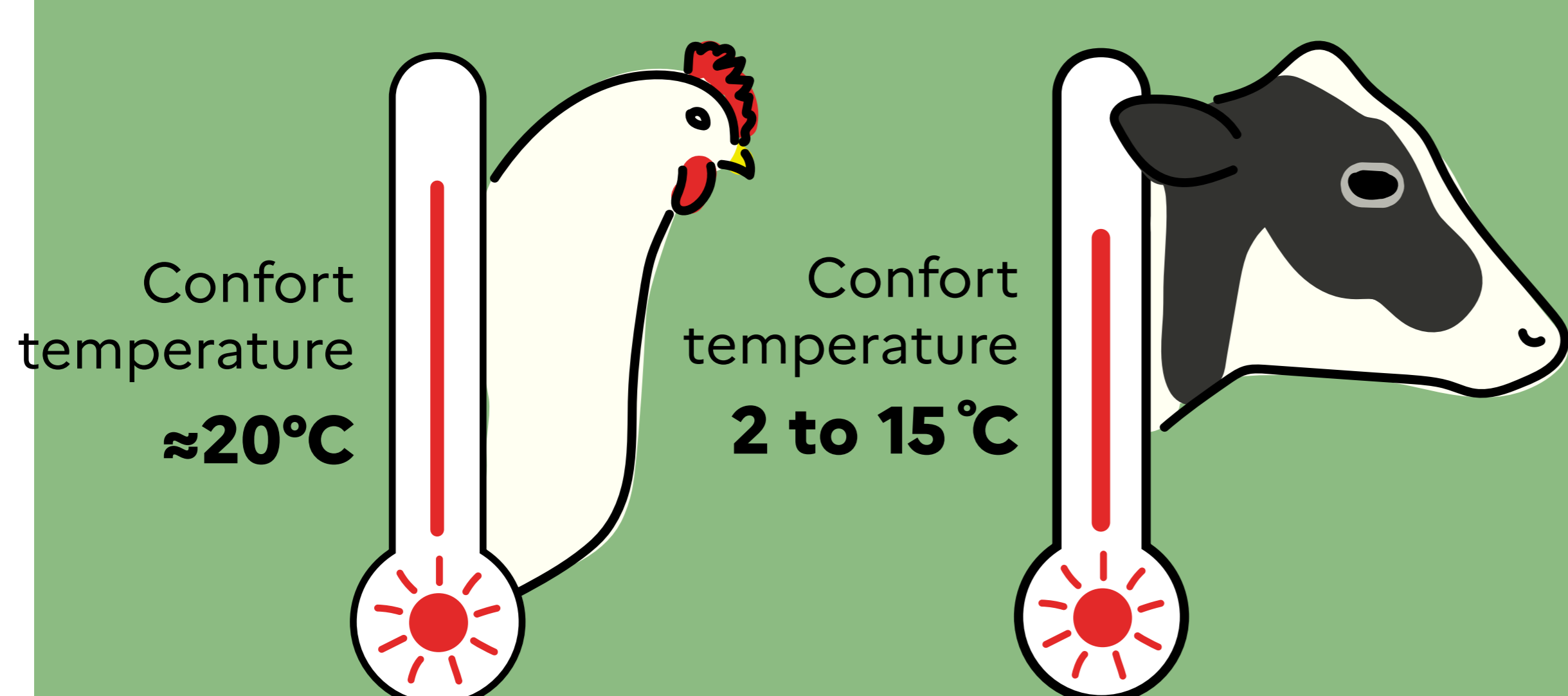
... BUT WITH SPECIES-RELATED SPECIFICITIES

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Differences between species are observed in terms of:

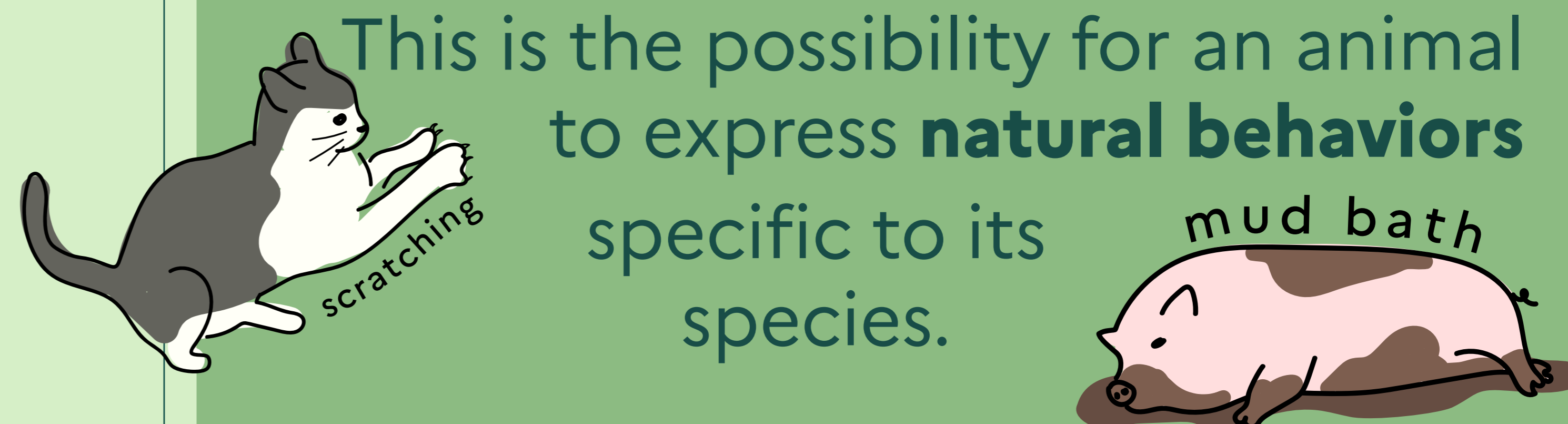
PHYSIOLOGICAL needs

Species do not have the same food requirements or rest time, do not tolerate the same temperatures, etc.



BEHAVIORAL needs

This is the possibility for an animal to express **natural behaviors** specific to its species.



For instance, **social interactions** vary according to species considered (group or solitary life, close to humans or not...).



Each species also has specific **sensory abilities** (for example, night vision).

3 PERCEPTION IS SPECIFIC TO EACH ANIMAL!

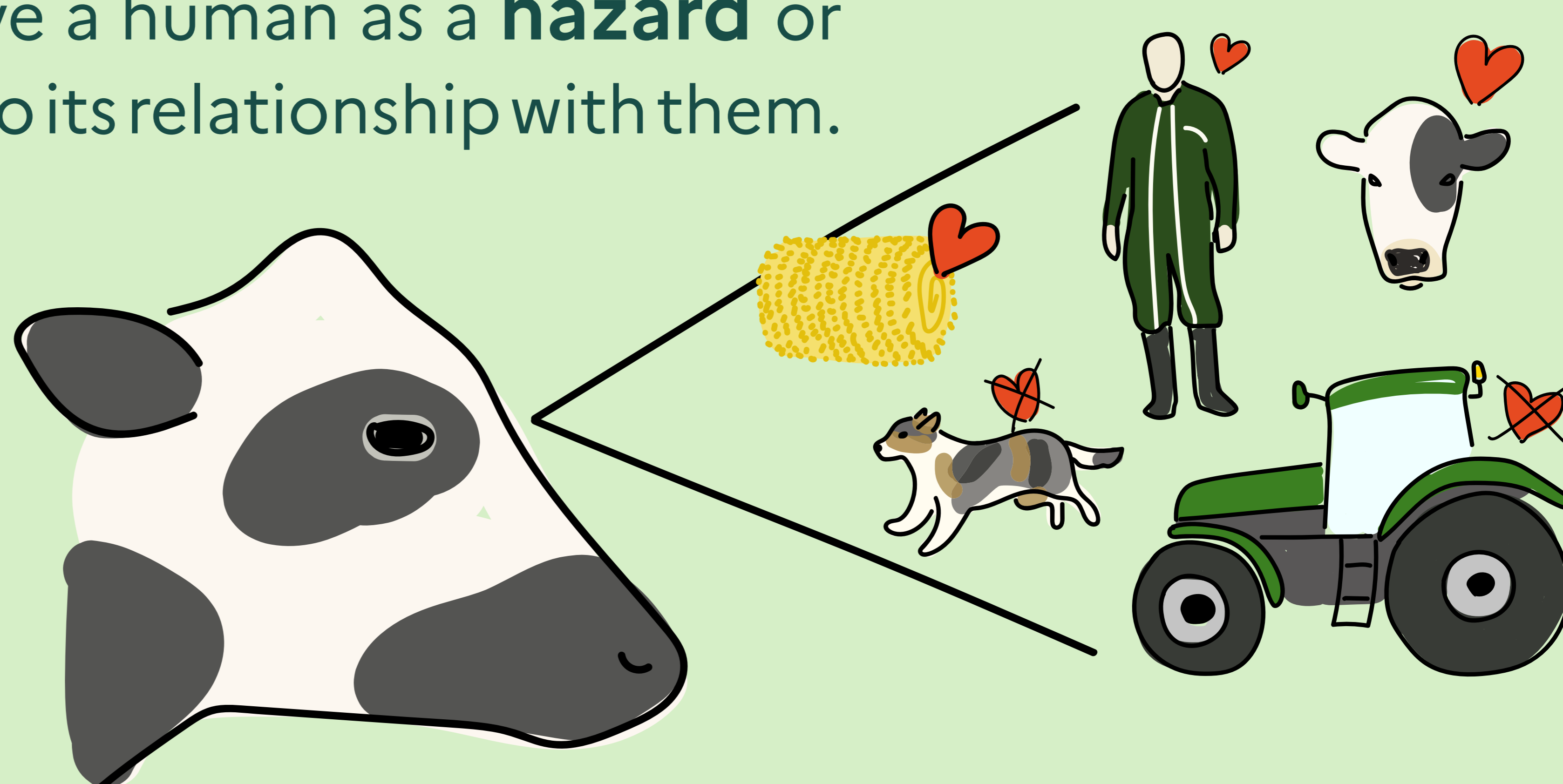
An animal's perception varies depending on:

- its **physiological stage** (young, adult, pregnant...)
- its **individual sensory abilities** (hearing...)
- its **emotional state, life experience...**

Example :

An animal can either perceive a human as a **hazard** or an **opportunity** according to its relationship with them.

PERCEPTION is INDIVIDUAL
WELFARE is therefore also INDIVIDUAL



DID YOU KNOW?

ANIMAL WELFARE AND HUMAN WELFARE ARE LINKED.