The Routledge Handbook of Animal Welfare is out!

The Routledge Handbook of Animal Welfare, edited by Andrew Knight, Clive Phillips and Paula Sparks, can now be pre-ordered at Routledge’s site. The handbook presents a comprehensive and up-to-date exploration of the many topics in the growing field of animal welfare and law.

It was an honor to take part in this initiative. In Chapter 24 (Human Health and Animal Welfare), we describe how the impoverishment of animal health and welfare in modern animal production systems became a major driver of infectious disease emergence at a global level. We also focus on the direct effects of these systems on water and air pollution, the health of workers, and of local communities, as well as review the global health impacts of wildlife hunting, farming, trafficking, and trade. We close with a section on overconsumption of animal-sourced food as a major risk factor for non-communicable diseases, written by Dr. Eric Slywitch.

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