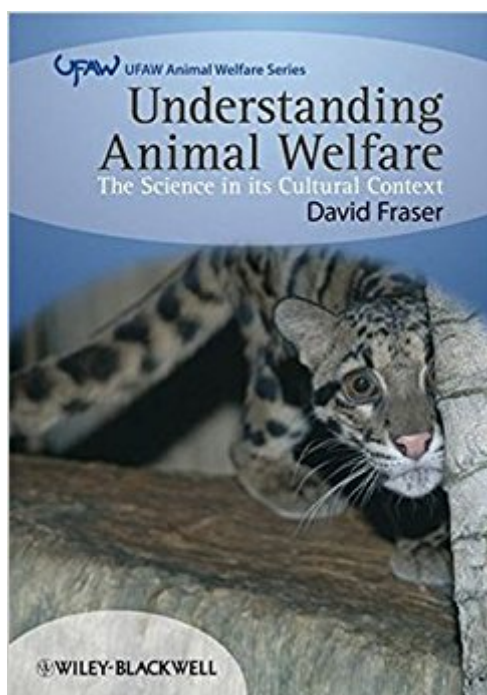


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# Understanding Animal Welfare: The Science In Its Cultural Context



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