

CHILD AND ANIMAL WELFARE:

THE ROOTS OF COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AND RE-EMERGENCE OF INTERAGENCY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY EFFORTS

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 - Safety
 - Economics

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- Screening adopters
- Rural concerns
- Veterinary Training

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H Implications for Animal Welfare Organizations