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# **The Power of Connection: Embracing Radical Transformation Through the Interdependencies of People, Animals and the Environment**


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Squance*

Unlocking Potential,  
Building Resilience.

A photograph of a bird, possibly a kōwhiri, perched on a branch. The background is a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise with warm orange and yellow tones. The bird is facing left, and its feathers are detailed with brown and white patterns.

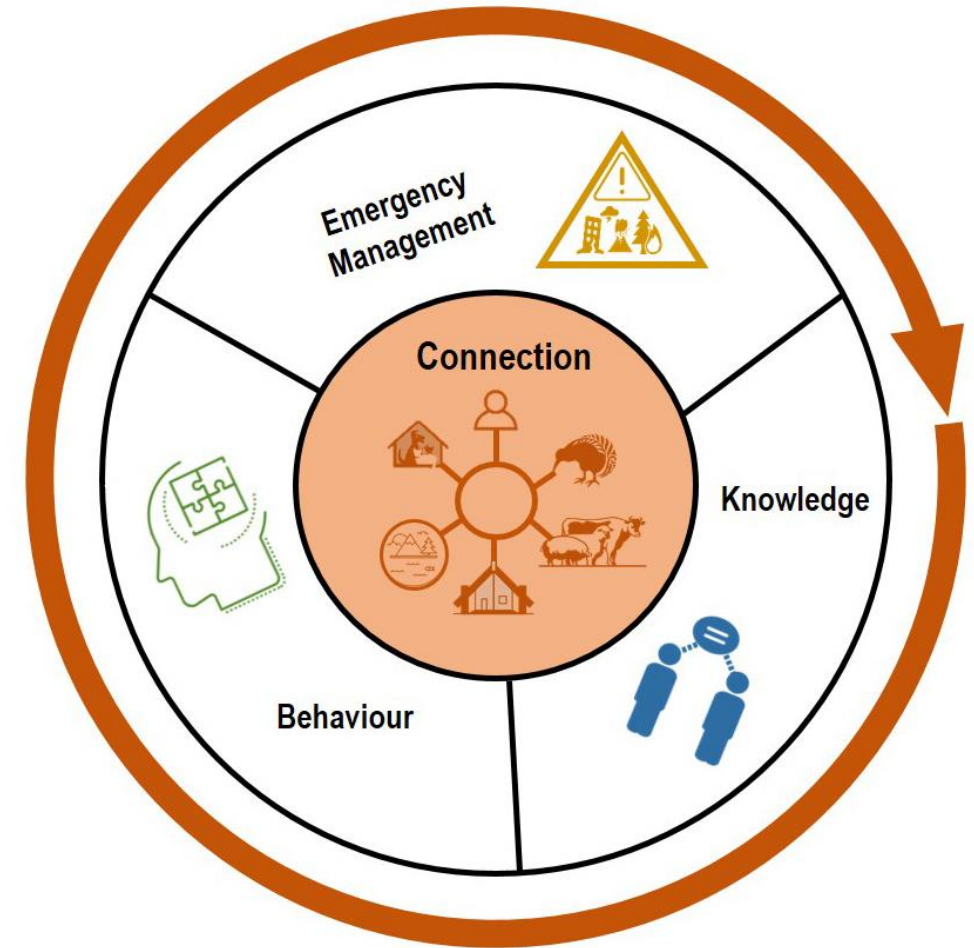
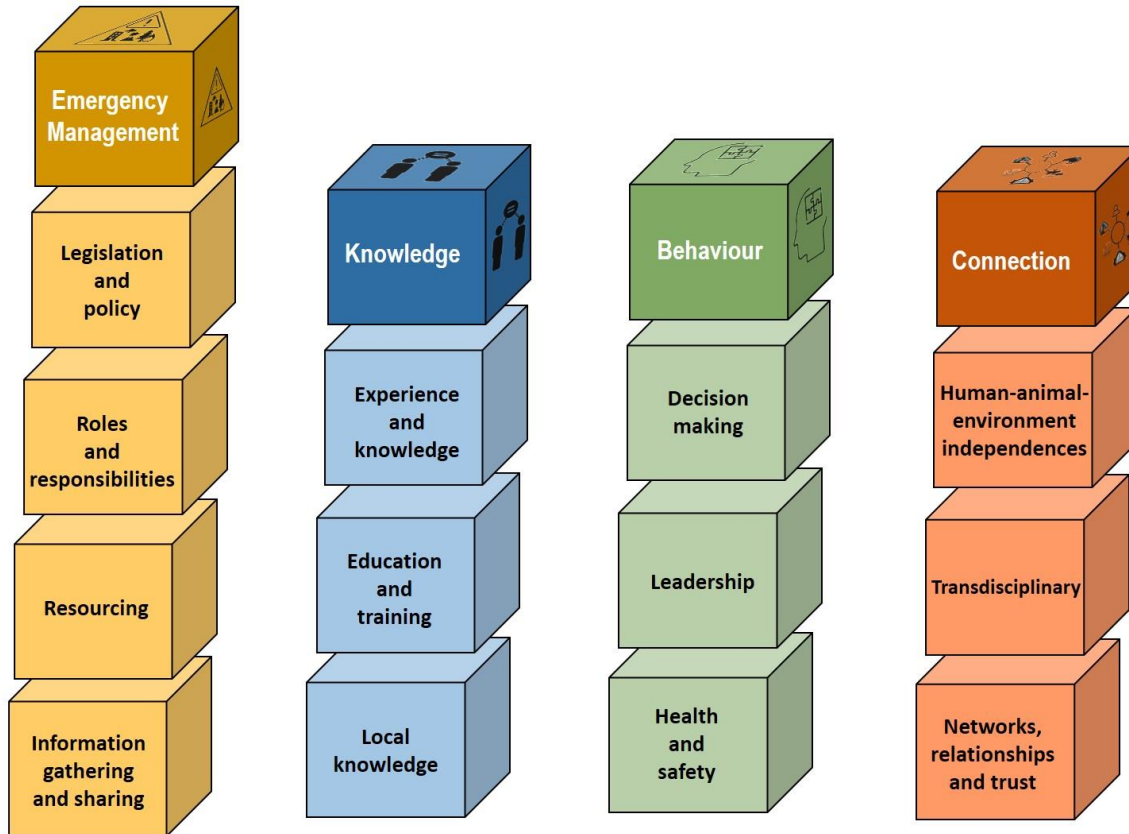
**“We are the ancestors of the future –  
the ones who will be remembered for  
what we chose to change or accept.”**

**Dr Hayley Squance**

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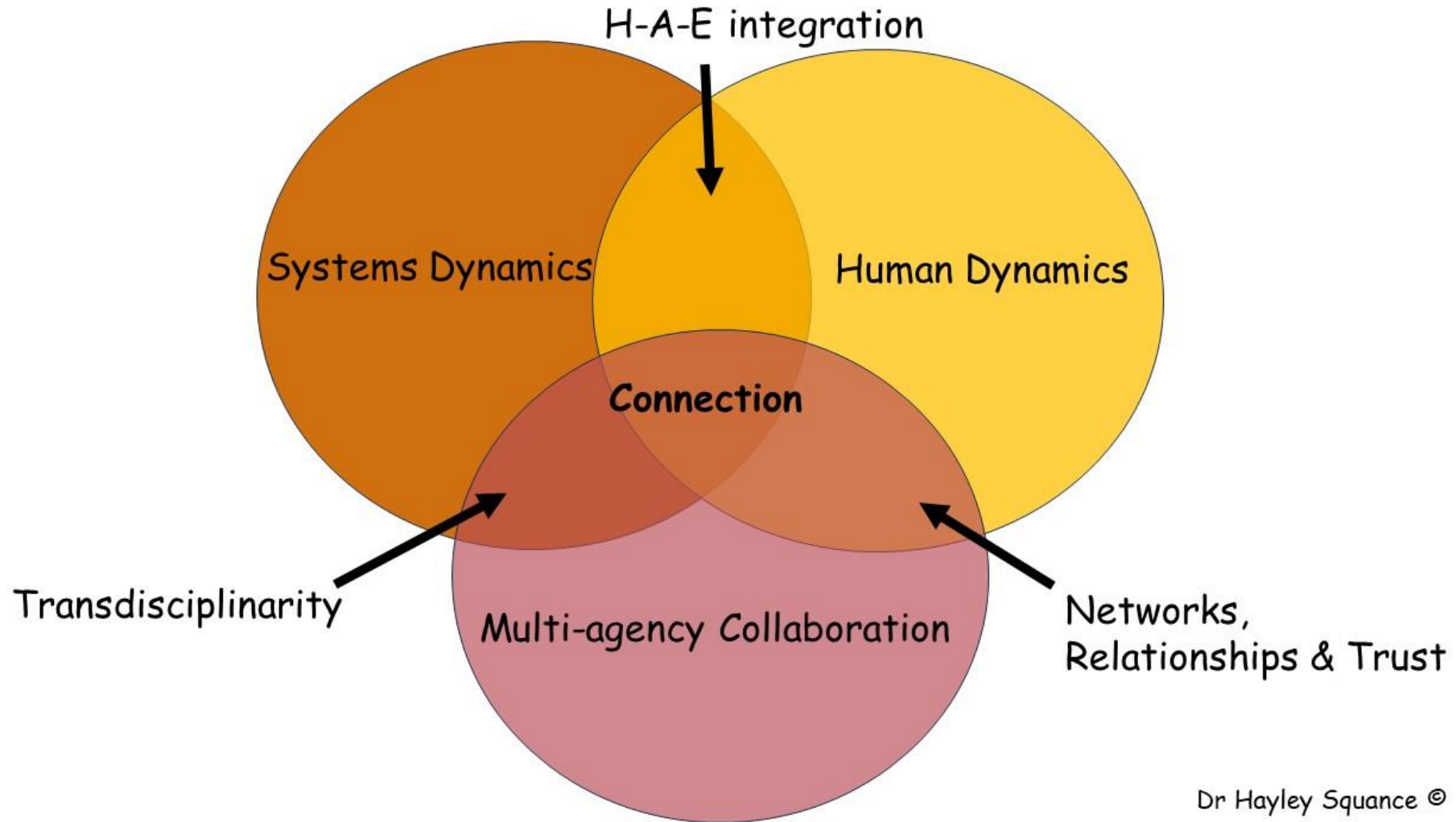
# Challenges & Opportunities



**“You cannot understand a  
system until you try to change  
it.”**

**Kurt Lewin**

# The Power of Connection



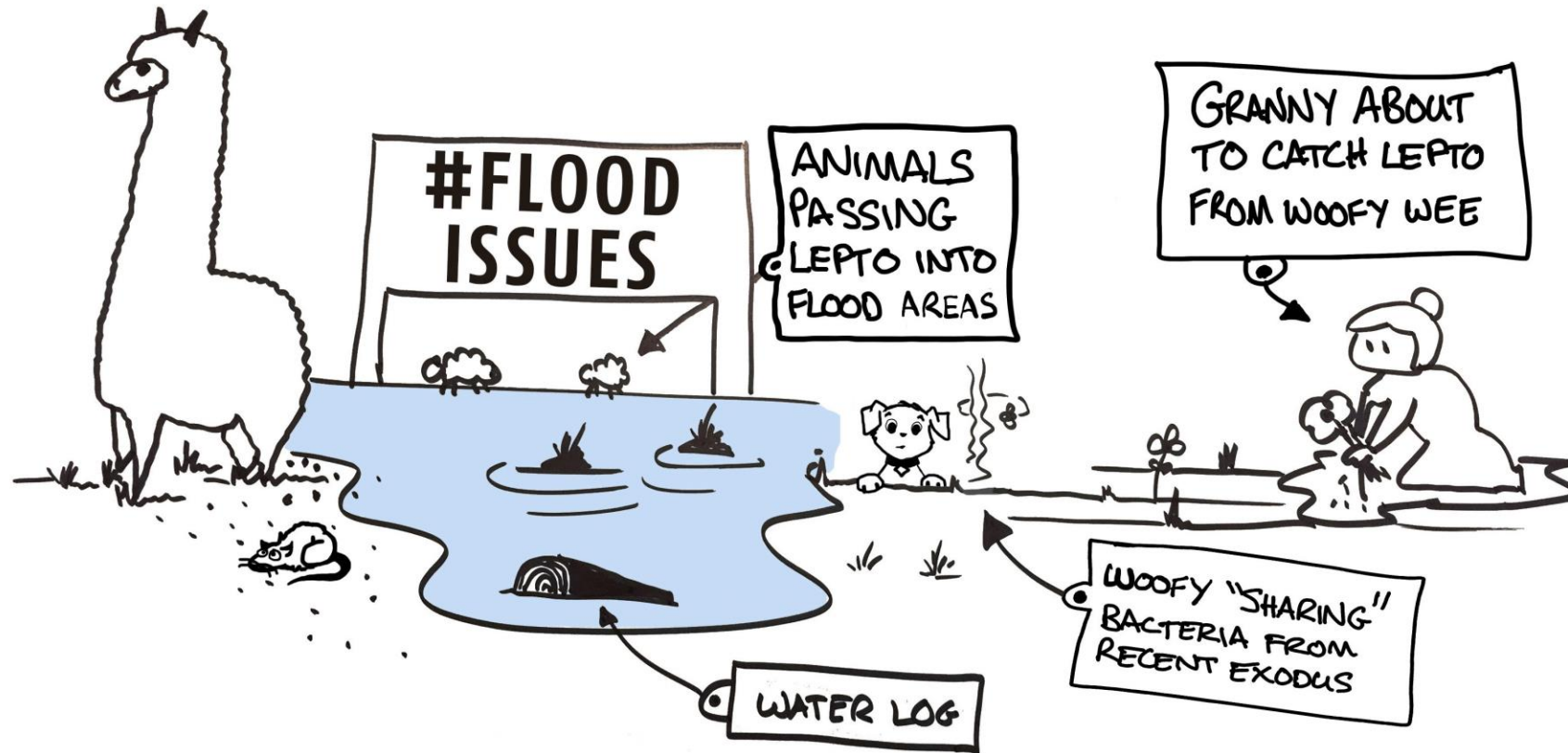
# Whole-of-Society Approach

*"An inclusive approach that engages all parts of society; governments, civil society, private sector, academia, communities, and individuals, to strengthen resilience and preparedness across all sectors."*



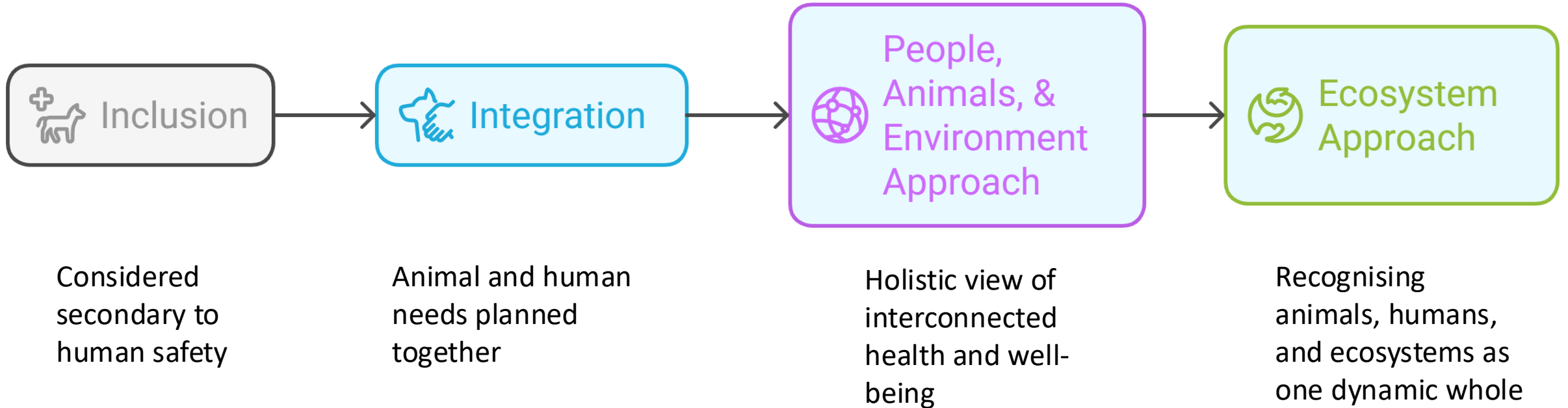
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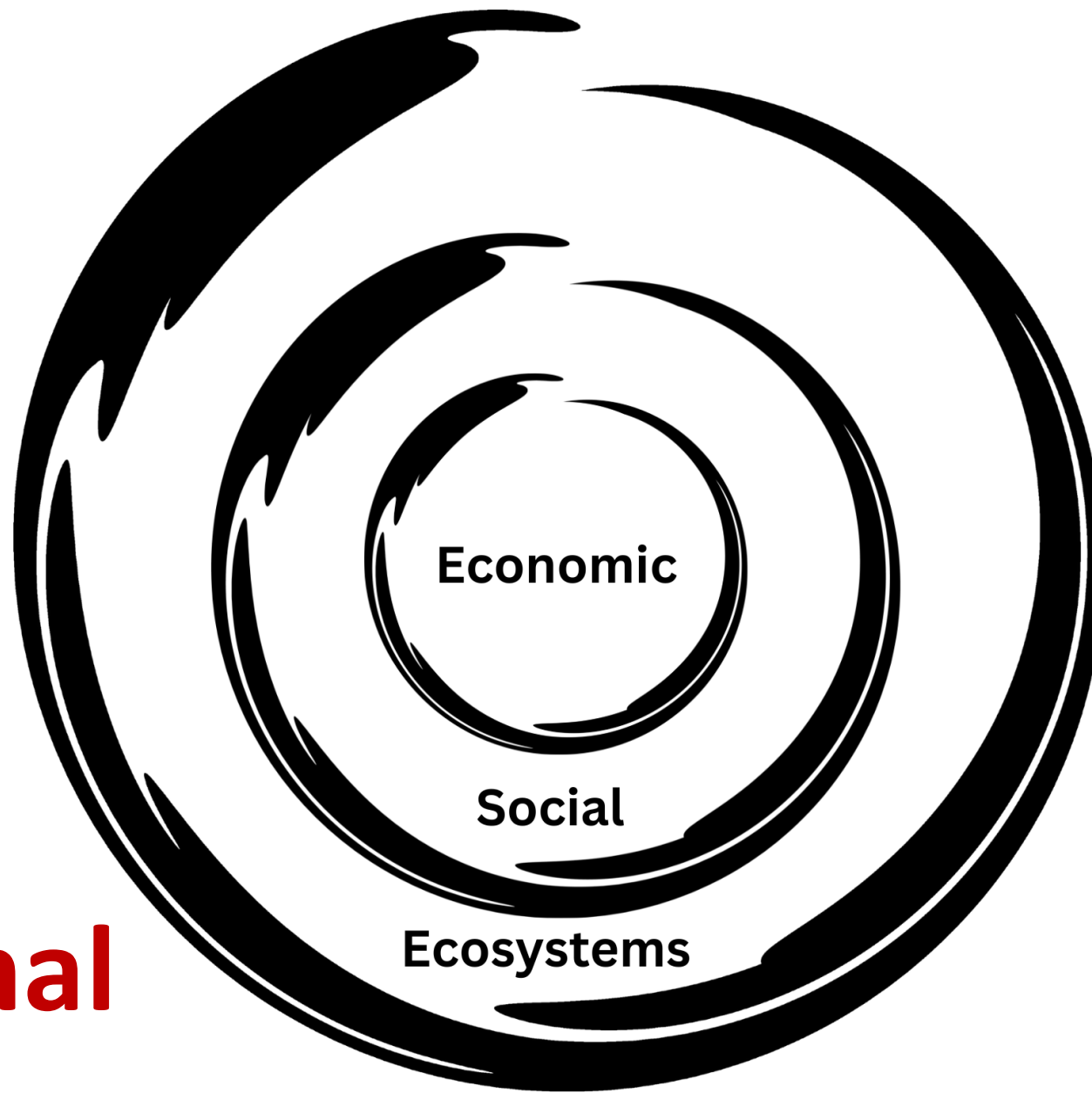
Animals are the fault line – where cracks in the system are first exposed





# Integrating Animal Welfare into Emergency Management





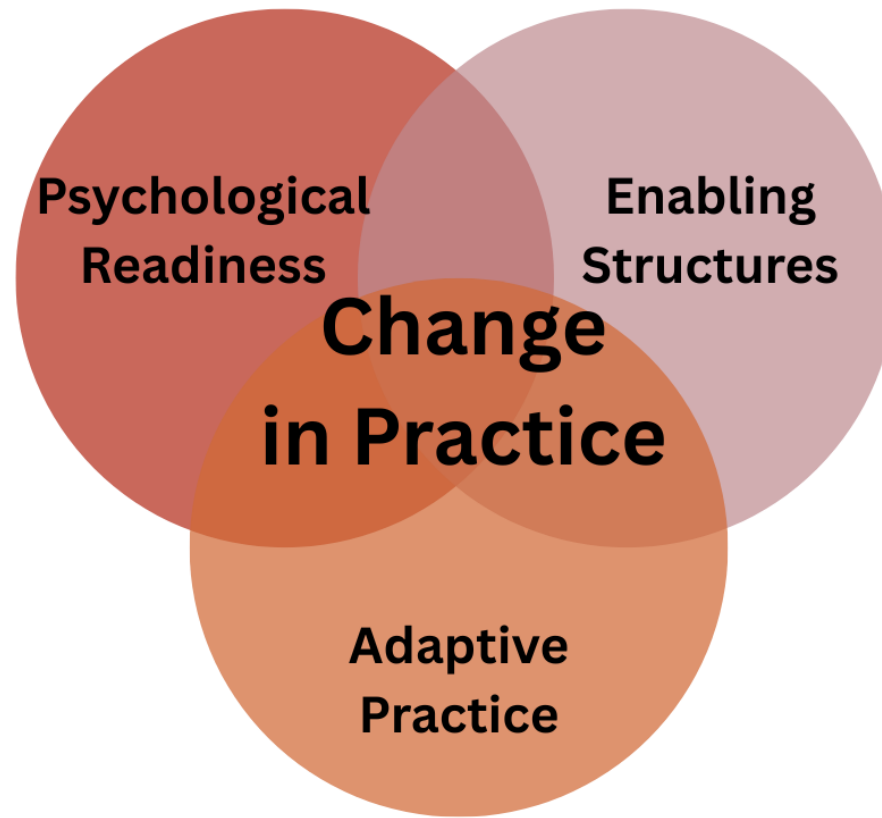
**Procedural**

**Perspectival**

**Relational**

**Inclusion**

**Integration**



## Relational Infrastructure



• Networks • Relationships • Trust  
Informal Leadership • Shared Values



# Connection





Strategies for OW in EM

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