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Human life function

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Definition: A function that inheres in a human being and is realised in processes that enable the human to survive and thrive.

Comment: There are complex sets of processes involved in the realisation of human life functions, only some which would be behaviours. An example for a human life function that is not a behaviour function: human thermoregulation via sweating function. However, some behaviours can fulfil 'human life functions'. The term 'survive' refers to continuing one's existence (e.g., staying alive), while 'thrive' includes a wide range of processes that improve an animal's life, including physical and mental wellbeing and experiencing positive social interactions, as well as being able to reproduce. Many processes can contribute to a human surviving and thriving.

This definition was imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (see <https://bciosearch.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.

Definitions imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO) are what are known as 'ontological definitions'. See this article in Qeios for an explanation <https://www.qeios.com/read/YGIF9B>.

Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.

Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.

Also, definitions sometimes require an explanation as to how they came about to help users understand how they relate to



alternative definitions. In those cases we include a curator note.