

Animal Welfare Policy at Wild Mind Well-Being

Wild Mind Well-Being is dedicated to providing the highest standards of care and welfare for all animals under our stewardship. Our animal welfare policy outlines our commitment to promoting the physical and emotional well-being of the animals in our care, ensuring their health, safety, and quality of life.

Principles of Animal Welfare:

1. Wild Mind Well-Being recognises that animals are sentient beings with intrinsic value and deserve to be treated with compassion, respect, and dignity.
2. We adhere to the Five Freedoms framework, which includes freedom from hunger and thirst, freedom from discomfort, freedom from pain, injury, or disease, freedom to express normal behavior, and freedom from fear and distress.

Animal Care and Husbandry:

1. Our staff, students, and volunteers are trained in animal care best practices, including proper handling, feeding, housing, and enrichment activities to meet the physical and behavioural needs of each species.
2. Regular health checks, veterinary care, and preventive measures are implemented to ensure the well-being and welfare of all animals on the farm site.

Environmental Enrichment:

1. Wild Mind Well-Being provides a stimulating and enriching environment for animals to exhibit natural behaviours, engage in physical and mental activities, and maintain their overall well-being.
2. Enrichment programs are designed to promote species-specific behaviours, cognitive stimulation, and social interactions among animals.

Health and Nutrition:

1. Animals at Wild Mind Well-Being receive balanced and nutritious diets tailored to their species, age, and individual requirements to support their health and vitality.
2. Regular monitoring of animal health, hygiene practices, and disease prevention protocols are in place to safeguard the well-being of our animal residents.

Behavioural Management:

1. Understanding and respecting the natural behaviours and social dynamics of each species is essential to promoting positive welfare outcomes for animals.
2. Behavioural management strategies are implemented to address stress, aggression, or other behavioural issues in a humane and effective manner.

Emergency Preparedness:

1. Wild Mind Well-Being has contingency plans and protocols in place to address emergencies, natural disasters, or unforeseen events that may impact the safety and welfare of animals.
2. Evacuation procedures, emergency medical care, and disaster response plans are established to ensure the protection and well-being of animals during crisis situations.

Compliance and Review:

1. This animal welfare policy is reviewed regularly to assess its effectiveness, compliance with animal welfare standards, and alignment with best practices in animal care.
2. Feedback and recommendations for improving animal welfare practices are welcomed from staff, volunteers, stakeholders, and animal welfare experts.

Wild Mind Well-Being is committed to upholding the highest standards of animal welfare and providing a safe, nurturing, and enriching environment for all animals in our care. Thank you for your support and dedication to promoting the well-being of our animal residents.