Animal Care
Golden Rules

Requires Maple Leaf Foods and our suppliers to provide:

Rule #1
- Provide food and water that promotes good health and welfare
- Ensure feed and water areas are clean, accessible and safe
- Provide a nutritionally balanced diet

Rule #2
- Provide treatment to an ill or injured animal
- Separate sick or injured animals from the group
- Ensure regular veterinary consultation

Rule #3
- Ensure insensibility after stunning
- Respect weak or fatigued animals
- Understand an animal’s flight pattern
- Only load animals fit for transport

Rule #4
- Provide protection from extreme temperatures
- Provide enough space for movement
- Implement living environments that offer animals greater opportunity to experience enhanced welfare

Rule #5
- Promptly recognize a distressed animal
- Segregate distressed animals from healthy animals
- Properly euthanize compromised animals in a timely manner

Rule #6
- Mentor other employees and share best practices
- Report inappropriate handling of animals
- Lead positive animal care conversations
- Ensure all personnel in contact with animals receive specific animal welfare training

Readily accessible, appropriate and sufficient food and water
Veterinary care to maintain good health, prevent disease and treat injury when necessary
Humane handling of animals
An environment that provides shelter and protection and supports natural behaviours
Prompt euthanasia, when required, to end pain or suffering
A workplace culture that values open dialogue, personal accountability and leading standards of animal care