

Animal Care Golden Rules

Requires Maple Leaf Foods and our suppliers to provide:



Readily accessible, appropriate and sufficient food and water

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



Veterinary care to maintain good health, prevent disease and treat injury when necessary

Rule #2

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



Humane handling of animals

Rule #3

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



An environment that provides shelter and protection and supports natural behaviours

Rule #4

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



Prompt euthanasia, when required, to end pain or suffering

Rule #5

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



A workplace culture that values open dialogue, personal accountability and leading standards of animal care

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