

## Aims of the Welfare Policy

This policy is applicable to all Randall Parker Food Group existing and potential food suppliers for the businesses. This includes third party producers, direct suppliers, and agents, who all must always comply with this policy.

Welfare considerations are becoming increasingly important for the keeping and farming of animals. Practices that may once have been deemed acceptable are now being re-assessed and modified according to new knowledge and changing attitudes. High standards of animal welfare are a legal responsibility, but also have direct economic benefits and ensure international market access for our animal products.

Without good stockmanship, animal welfare can never be adequately protected. The Randall Parker Food Group Animal Welfare policy is intended to encourage all those responsible for its implementation to adopt the highest standards of husbandry, care and stockmanship.

The Randall Parker Food Group believes that the welfare of animals should be considered with reference to the "Five Freedoms";

1. Freedom from **hunger & thirst**
2. Freedom from **discomfort**
3. Freedom from **pain, injury and disease**
4. Freedom to **express normal behaviour**
5. Freedom from **fear and distress**

(Farm Animal Welfare Council 1993)



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