



COLORADO LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION Animal Care Code of Ethics

We are devoted to the animals in our care. We therefore affirm our obligation to provide responsible animal care using sound animal husbandry practices, based on practical experience and scientific research. Because all species of livestock are produced in diverse environments and geographic locations, we recognize there is no single set of production practices that can be recommended for all livestock producers. Personal experience, training, best practices and professional judgment can serve as valuable resources for providing appropriate animal care for the well-being of livestock and worker safety. To that end we commit to:

- Providing ready access to fresh water and adequate nutrition.
- Following applicable disease, injury prevention and treatment practices to ensure herd health.
- Providing a species appropriate environment.
- Using appropriate methods to humanely euthanize terminally sick or injured livestock and minimize the animal's pain and distress. Whether death occurs by euthanasia or natural causes, remains should be disposed of by approved methods that will minimize risk of disease and infection to people or to other animals.
- Provide personnel with training to properly handle and care for livestock.
- Keeping updated on advancements, research and changes in the industry and making decisions based upon sound production practices with consideration for animal well-being.
- Providing facilities and handling practices that allow safe, humane, and efficient movement and/or restraint of livestock.

The willful mistreatment or abuse of livestock is not acceptable under any circumstances.

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