

Animal Welfare Resources



Everyone benefits when the well-being of animals is respected by farms, kennels, catteries and pet owners. Ethically sound treatment of animals is a priority of citizens and society as a whole. It's also a good business practice and an essential part of modern agriculture.

The Manitoba government works with stakeholders to ensure the province has appropriate animal welfare laws that are clearly understood and followed. These services are delivered through the [Animal Welfare Program](#) with Manitoba Agriculture.

Laws and Responsibilities

Animal welfare is a shared responsibility of governments and industry (including animal owners, transporters and staff in registered slaughter establishments). Industry stakeholders and animal welfare groups play an active role in policy development.

Provincial and territorial governments have primary responsibility for legislation and compliance. In Manitoba, laws protecting farm animals are [The Animal Care Act](#) and [Animal Care Regulation](#).

Inspection and Compliance

The provincial [Chief Veterinary Office \(CVO\)](#) investigates animal welfare concerns related to both companion animals (pets) and farm production. The CVO also provides oversight of certain animal production, trade and retail facilities.

Animal Care Line

All animals deserve to be properly cared for. If you know, or suspect, that any animal or group of animals is lacking adequate food, water, shelter or medical attention, please call or email and leave a confidential message. Complaints in the City of Winnipeg are usually made via the [Winnipeg Humane Society](#).

- Call 204-945-8000 in Winnipeg or toll free in Manitoba at 1-888-945-8001
- Email animalcare@gov.mb.ca
- Go to www.manitoba.ca/agriculture and click on [Animal Health and Welfare](#)

Animal Care and Handling

Tips and guidance for safe, effective animal care and handling:

- [Choosing and caring for a family pet](#)
- [Heat stress in animals](#)
- [What to do if you find a pet left in a vehicle](#)
- [Caring for pets during an evacuation](#)
- [Winter feeding and shelter requirements for cattle](#)
- [Winter management of horses](#)

Codes of Practice

The codes of practice are nationally developed guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals. The codes serve as our national understanding of animal care requirements and recommended practices.

- [Farm animal care and handling \(National Farm Animal Care Council\)](#)
- [Catteries \(Canadian Veterinary Medical Association\)](#)
- [Kennels \(Canadian Veterinary Medical Association\)](#)

Farm Animal Councils

Farm animal councils are organizations of diverse partners including animal agriculture industry groups, animal welfare advocates, governments, scientists, veterinarians and the food industry.

- [National](#)
- [Alberta](#)
- [Saskatchewan](#)

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