

## 1 Animal Welfare Policy Statement

As a leading grocery retailer, ALDI US is committed to the well-being of the animals in our supply chain. We believe that proper animal care practices are based on both science and ethical obligations and values. This belief stems from our responsibility towards our customers and the environment as stated in our Corporate Responsibility Policy. ALDI US does not raise animals nor do we own or operate processing facilities, but we are committed to responsibly sourcing our meat, poultry, dairy and egg products.

ALDI US aspires to source products from animals that are treated according to established welfare standards. We seek to work with suppliers who share this commitment. We will not tolerate animal abuse or neglect in our supply chain.

As a retailer, it is our responsibility to work with our suppliers to support proper animal care and handling practices. We expect our suppliers to be committed to upholding good animal welfare practices and to strive for continuous improvement. We regularly review and modify our policies with the guidance of a third-party panel of scientific experts.

## 2 Animal Welfare Guiding Principles

We support the principles of good animal welfare based on the definitions of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE):

“Animal welfare means how an animal is coping with the conditions in which it lives. An animal is in a good state of welfare if (as indicated by scientific evidence) it is healthy, comfortable, well nourished, safe, able to express innate behaviour, and if it is not suffering from unpleasant states such as pain, fear, and distress.

Good animal welfare requires disease prevention and appropriate veterinary treatment, shelter, management and nutrition, humane handling and humane slaughter or killing.”<sup>1</sup>

ALDI US believes in the following guiding principles for good animal welfare:

- **Animal Handling and Husbandry:** Personnel should be adequately trained in practices that promote good animal welfare and carry out routine husbandry practices in a way that minimizes pain and distress.
- **Feed and Water:** Animals should receive water and quality feed on a regular schedule that meets their nutritional requirements for good health.
- **Genetics and Breed Selection:** Breeds should be selected for both the environment/climate and the system in which they are bred.
- **Health:** Animal health needs (including euthanasia) should be attended to in a prudent and responsible manner by knowledgeable personnel.
- **Housing Systems:** Animal housing should be designed, constructed, maintained and operated in a manner that minimizes and prevents animal distress or injury.
- **Transport and Slaughter:** The processes and facilities for loading, transporting, unloading and slaughter should be designed, constructed and maintained so as to permit proper handling of animals and prevent increased risk of injuries and minimize animal distress.

For any questions regarding this policy, contact ALDI at <https://www.aldi.us/en/contact-us>.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health\\_standards/tahc/2010/chapitre\\_aw\\_introduction.pdf](http://www.oie.int/fileadmin/Home/eng/Health_standards/tahc/2010/chapitre_aw_introduction.pdf)