



Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery Humane Standards for the Care and Welfare of Dairy Goats

Mission Statement: Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery is proud to sustainably produce healthful, natural, and delicious goat milk products for our customers to enjoy. Utilizing our core values of fair trade, green environmental and humane practices in everything we do, we provide an enjoyable working environment for all Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery employees and a good life for our goats.

As you can see, we believe in taking care of our dairy goats, it is part of our mission statement! Redwood Hill Farm was the first certified humane goat dairy in the United States, certified by 3rd party certifier, Humane Farm Animal Care (703-435-3883). They are ISO certified and to see their species specific requirements go to their web site at www.certifiedhumane.org.

In addition, we have 5 family farm producers producing goat milk to supply our needs. We feel this is better than us having one very large farm as the goats do better in smaller numbers. Each of these dairies is inspected by us and must sign a statement of humane standards (find it attached). So far, we have worked with two dairies and they are due for an inspection March 5th, 2010 by Humane Farm Animal Care when we expect they will also be certified humane. Our goal is to have all dairies certified, but the paperwork is considerable so don't know if we will reach that goal this year. However, our inspections and their pledge to us in raising their dairy goats mean a lot in insuring that all dairy goats producing milk for Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery are treated humanely. In addition, we believe in "fair trade" at home and pay our family farm producers the highest pay for goat milk in the US.

We believe in humane treatment for all animals on earth. We abhor industrialized or factory farming of any animal and do not support it in any way. Each of our dairy goats has a name and we love them all. Please see our web site at www.redwoodhill.com for more information and pictures of our dairy goats.

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EXHIBIT B: Dairy Goat Humane Standards for Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery Milk Producers

- 1) Dairy Goats must have access to fresh water at all times and a diet designed to maintain full health and promote a positive state of well being. Feed and water must be available in such a way that the goats can eat and drink without undue competition. No feedstuffs containing mammalian derived protein sources are permitted, with the exception of milk and milk products. Goats must not be fed any hormones or antibiotics. The goat's body condition must be planned, monitored, and maintained according to the stage of growth and production.
- 2) The environment in which the dairy goats live must take into account their welfare needs and be designed to protect them from physical and thermal discomfort, fear, distress, and allow them to perform their natural behaviors. Ample outdoor space should be available at all times. Barn space needed for adult dairy goats is figured at 18 square feet per animal. Bedding for the goats must provide a comfortable, clean and dry area of sufficient size for all goats to lie down.
- 3) A high degree of caring and responsible management is vital to ensure good animal welfare. Managers, caretakers or employees must be thoroughly trained, skilled, and competent in animal husbandry and management, have a good working knowledge of their system and the dairy goats under their care. Caretakers must be proficient in animal management procedures that have the potential to cause suffering.
- 4) All producers must develop a dairy goat health plan in consultation with their veterinarian to maintain health and well being of all dairy goats under their control. The health plan will include any vaccination plans, measures to control external and internal parasites, and prevention of diseases common to dairy goats. Provisions must be made for segregation and care of sick or injured goats when needed to prevent further injury or spreading of a contagious condition.
- 5) Milk from cloned dairy goats is not allowed and will not be purchased by Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery.

Signed _____

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Thank you for your letter and concerns regarding the humane treatment and care of animals producing for products sold in your store. We applaud you in taking this seriously and getting the information for your customers to peruse and make choices of what they want to support.

Please find attached two documents, one our company statement and the other standards that all of our dairies comply with. If you have any questions or would like more information, do not hesitate contacting me. In addition, we have Humane Certified brochures and our Golden Rule Pledge to our customers we could send you if you have a place in your store to display or give them out. Let me know and we can send them via UPS.

And, if you or any of your staff is ever out this way (50 miles north of San Francisco), be sure to give us a call and schedule a tour so that you can pet and meet the goats in person!

Thanks again and best to you all,
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