ANIMAL WELFARE PROCUREMENT POLICY 2026

1 PURPOSE:

This policy establishes Judge's Choice Petfood Ltd's commitment to ethical procurement practices that prioritise animal welfare across all categories of animal-derived products, including meat, dairy, and eggs. We aim to ensure our supply chain reflects our dedication to the humane treatment of animals and align with our sustainability and ethical standards.

2 SCOPE:

This policy applies to all procurement activities within Judge's Choice Petfood Ltd related to meat, dairy, and egg products, and is relevant to all employees involved in these procurement processes.

3 POLICY STATEMENT:

Judge's Choice Petfood Ltd is committed to sourcing from suppliers that adhere to the highest standards of animal welfare. We recognise the importance of ensuring that animals in our supply chain are treated with compassion and respect, and that their living conditions support their health and natural behaviour.

4 PRINCIPLES:

Humane Treatment: Suppliers must ensure animals are treated with dignity and care, avoiding mistreatment, abuse, or cruelty.

Living Conditions: Animals must be housed in environments that allow for ample movement, social interaction, and access to the outdoors, where feasible. The use of cages or overly confined spaces is discouraged.

Health and Nutrition: Animals should have access to clean water and a diet that promotes their health. Preventative health measures and prompt veterinary care must be provided to maintain animal well-being.

Natural Behaviours: Farming practices should support the expression of natural behaviours, including grazing, foraging, and nesting.

Transportation and Slaughter: Transportation and slaughter processes must minimise stress and discomfort to the animals, adhering to humane standards throughout.

5 IMPLEMENTATION:

Supplier Assessment and Selection: Evaluate potential suppliers on their animal welfare practices and standards before establishing procurement contracts. Regular audits will be conducted to ensure ongoing compliance.

Certifications: Wherever possible, prioritise suppliers with credible certifications that indicate high animal welfare standards.

Transparency and Traceability: Maintain a transparent supply chain with full traceability of animal-derived products from origin to delivery.

Education and Training: Provide necessary training for procurement staff on animal welfare standards and the importance of ethical sourcing.

Reporting and Compliance: Establish a mechanism for reporting non-compliance and take corrective actions as needed to address any issues related to animal welfare.

6 REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS:

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed to reflect changes in legal requirements, industry standards, or company objectives. Feedback from employees, suppliers, and customers will be considered during reviews.

7 COMMITMENT:

By implementing this Animal Welfare Procurement Policy, Judge's Choice Petfood Ltd affirms its responsibility and commitment to ethical sourcing practices, contributing to the advancement of animal welfare within the industry.