



Animal Care and Abuse Policy

(Farm Name)

has a zero tolerance policy for any willful acts of abuse. Acts of these kind are unacceptable and will **not** be tolerated (National Pork Board, 2015). These include acts that fall outside of the normally accepted production practices for swine farms or that intentionally cause pain and suffering to an animal. Examples of mistreatment include:

- Applying electric prods to sensitive parts of the animal such as eyes, ears, nose, genitals or rectum (National Pork Board, 2015).
- Malicious hitting or beating of an animal, which can cause pain, bruising or injury. This includes striking an animal with a closed fist, a foot, handling equipment or other hard or solid objects (National Pork Board, 2015).
- Driving pigs off of high ledges or other areas to purposefully cause them to fall to the ground.
- Dragging a conscious animal by any part of its body. Considerations will be made for nonambulatory animals, which should be moved according to farm policy (National Pork Board, 2015).
- **Not** following farm guidelines for handling nonambulatory animals, animals that have no prospect for improvement or are not responding to care and treatment after two days of intensive care. The treatment period may be extended as recommended by a veterinarian (National Pork Board, 2015).
- Beating, hitting or dragging nonambulatory or “downer” pigs.
- Using improper methods for euthanasia. This includes any method of euthanasia **not** approved in the document *On-Farm Euthanasia of Swine: Recommendations for the Producer*, which is approved by the American Association of Swine Veterinarians (National Pork Board, 2016).
- Dropping or throwing animals on purpose (National Pork Board, 2015).
- Causing physical damage to the snout or tusks of a boar to reduce aggression (National Pork Board, 2015).
- Failing to provide food or water or care to animals that results in harm or death (National Pork Board, 2015).
- Performing any other action that may cause undue stress or pain to the animal.

Willful acts of abuse are not limited to those listed and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Animal Care and Abuse Reporting Mechanism

All caretakers will be familiar with the Animal Care and Abuse Policy for _____ (Farm). If a willful act of abuse is observed the following steps will be taken:

1. Caretaker(s) must intervene to stop abuse immediately and as safely as possible.
2. The incident will be reported directly to the responsible person for the site (manager, senior employee, owner).





Primary Contact Person

Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact Information: _____

Secondary Contact Person

Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact Information: _____

(Training Record: Farm use only)

(Farm Name)

has provided training for the following individuals on the animal care and abuse policy and reporting mechanism.

print name	signature	date
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References

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