# SAMPLE – For your personalizing

**[Your Farm/Company] Employee Animal Care Code of Conduct Our commitment to our animals**

**[Our company/farm]** is committed to responsible farm animal care and handling. That means animals in our care deserve to be healthy, safe and well cared for.

# Our commitment to our customers

Working with animals is important work that we take seriously. We are proud of the work that we do, and we strictly enforce responsible farm animal care and handling among employees and service providers at our facility. Every person who handles or comes into contact with an animal is required to support our core objective of responsible farm animal care by learning and following the standards of care as described in the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Code of Practice for the animal species raised on **company/farm]**

Every person who handles or comes into contact with an animal is required to support our core objective of responsible farm animal care and handling. The demonstration of that support is through the review and signing of this Code of Conduct agreement on an **[annual]** basis.

# Our commitment to our employees

Your job is valuable and important to our animals, and our business. When you report an incident involving possible mistreatment, illness or injury involving one of our animals, we will take it seriously. We will document your concern. We will

follow up to resolve the animal’s situation, and/or provide additional training among employees.

# Our employees’ commitment to us

Every one of our employees is required to handle and treat animals with respect and in accordance with **[farm/company]** policies and rules as well as the federal, provincial and municipal regulations under which we operate.

Any employee who is responsible for, observes or receives any information that alleges an animal on our property or in our care is being mistreated, mishandled or treated or handled in a way that is contrary to our animal care policy/guidelines must report that information to **[NAME OF POINT PERSON]** immediately so that the situation can be corrected**. [PROVIDE CONTACT INFO].**

Failure to adhere to this agreement is cause for dismissal**. [Farm/company]**

reserves the right to refer animal-abusers to law enforcement for prosecution.

I understand and acknowledge that willful neglect,

mishandling or abuse of animals by any [name of company] employee or witnessing it and not reporting it is subject to discipline including immediate termination of employment, and that offenders may also be subject to prosecution under applicable laws.

Signature of employee Date

Print name:

Signature of employer Date

Name and Title:

*Important Note: Seek advice from your legal counsel and human resources department if appropriate to ensure any agreement meets relevant labour laws and union contracts.*