



Ella's Kitchen - Animal Welfare Policy

At Ella's Kitchen, we are committed to making yummy food using only the best ingredients we can find. As part of Our Dream, we care passionately about the health and welfare of the animals that provide the meat and dairy for our products. We are committed to sourcing organic meat and dairy, because we believe organic livestock farming provides the highest available certifiable standards of farm animal welfare. Our meat and dairy suppliers are independently audited and are certified by organic control bodies to EU Organic standards (<http://ofgorganic.org>).

Through our commitment to sourcing to higher animal welfare standards, Ella's Kitchen will ensure that:

- ☺ We are being true to our values + Our Dream
- ☺ We have full traceability of the ingredients in our supply chains
- ☺ We are meeting our consumers' expectations
- ☺ We are using the best quality ingredients
- ☺ We are reducing our environmental impacts

Our approach to animal welfare is based on the Farm Animal Welfare Committee's (www.defra.gov.uk/fawc/) Five Freedoms that state that animals should have:

- ☺ **Freedom** from Hunger and Thirst - by providing ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- ☺ **Freedom** from Discomfort - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- ☺ **Freedom** from Pain, Injury or Disease - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- ☺ **Freedom** to Express Normal Behaviour - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
- ☺ **Freedom** from Fear and Distress - by ensuring conditions and treatment, which avoid mental suffering.

Higher animal welfare farming systems enable species-specific behavioural needs, promote good animal welfare management and allow health management based on disease prevention in particular, not allowing the routine or pre-emptive use of antibiotics. (Medicines can only be used when necessary to treat individual cases of disease.)

We have an ongoing partnership with the animal welfare organisation Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) to achieve and maintain consistent higher animal welfare standards as our business grows. Ella's Kitchen have won a [Good Chicken Award \(2016\)](#) and [Good Egg Award \(2017\)](#) from CIWF and we encourage our suppliers to apply for Good Farm Animal Welfare Awards, as we work with them to take a leadership role in this field.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our Animal Welfare Policy then please contact our customer care team.