



Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch Food Policy

Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch (JARR) believes that animals are deserving of our respect, compassion, and the best chance at living natural, long, happy lives. The more we learn about animals raised for food, such as pigs, cows, chickens, turkeys and fish, etc., the more we find that they, too, are complex beings whose lives are worthy of consideration. Additionally, large scale industrialized animal agriculture is the leading cause of climate change and the human-caused mass species extinction event currently underway.

JARR is a rescue and sanctuary for all domestic animals – farmed and companion. As such, it is incongruent to our mission to rescue some animals while serving others as food. Because of this, it is JARR’s policy to only allow vegan (plant-based) food on the premises at our ranch facility.

We recognize that not all of JARR staff and volunteers follow vegan diets but to be consistent with our mission, JARR asks its staff, and volunteers to only consume vegan food products at the ranch facility.

For visitors, outside workers/contractors and/or visiting animal welfare experts who are engaged to work with us (e.g visiting veterinarians) we ask that no animal food products be brought onto our ranch property.

The obligate carnivorous animals we rescue are obviously exempt from this policy.

What does vegan mean?

[Vegan](#) – a person who seeks to exclude all forms of animal cruelty and exploitation from their lifestyle including food, clothing, entertainment and other purposes.

Vegan foods are those that contain no forms of meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, eggs, dairy products, honey or animal byproducts such as gelatin, rennet, and whey.

1. Animal cruelty is inherent in the [industrialized animal agricultural](#) (meat, eggs, and dairy), [entertainment](#) (zoos, circuses, marine parks and film) and [clothing industries](#) (fur & leather).
2. [Climate change](#) – the production of meat from animal sources is the number one driver of climate change.
3. [Health](#) – eating meat and dairy products has been linked to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, obesity and many other health problems.
4. [Environmental Impact](#) – from toxic runoff to pollution of our waterways, animal agriculture is one of the world's largest polluters of natural habitat and the environment.
5. [Rainforest destruction](#) – the clearing of rainforest to make way for large-scale cattle farming and soybean cultivation-used to feed cattle- is one of the main causes of deforestation in the Amazon. Essential to the survival of life on this planet, the rainforests are the lungs of the world, absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen.

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