

## Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch Food Policy

Jameson Animal Rescue Ranch (JARR) is a farmed and companion animal rescue and regards all animals as valued sentient creatures who have a right to live their lives free from abuse, confinement, and cruelty.

As such, it would be incongruent to our mission to rescue some animals while serving others as food. Because of this it is JARR's policy to have a vegan/vegetarian food policy for our events and meetings.

For events in which JARR participates with other organizations but does not have total control over the menu or food offered, we'll make every effort to ensure those events offer vegan and vegetarian food choices. Partnering organizations are to be informed that vegan and vegetarian options should be available and that they are preferred. At all such external events, signs/indication should be used whenever possible to identify vegan and vegetarian foods.

For businesses and organizations outside of JARR who would like to donate to the cause and where adopting a vegan menu is unworkable or impossible, JARR is unable to participate in the promotion or marketing of the event. As each event has differing circumstances, they can be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

We recognize that not all JARR staff members follow vegan/vegetarian diets, but when representing JARR i.e., at a JARR event, tabling, working, attending conferences, employees are expected to follow these guidelines and respect organizational policy.

For visiting members of the public 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 or to Ella's CatHouse & Catnip Bar.

## What does vegan mean?

<u>Vegan</u> – a person who seeks to exclude all forms of animal cruelty and exploitation from their lifestyle including food, clothing, entertainment and other purposes. Vegans do not consume meat, fish, shellfish, dairy, eggs, honey or products/ingredients derived from animal sources.

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

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