

## **Animal Welfare Policy**

### **Commitment**

Food and Farming Compliance ensures that it complies with the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, which is the principal animal welfare legislation. Food and Farming Compliance also considers the different legislation which is applicable across the nations such as the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and Welfare of Animal Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

Food and Farming Compliance is strongly committed to animal welfare. Under UK animal welfare legislation there is a legal duty of care for all animal keepers to meet the five animal welfare needs (listed below). Food and Farming Compliance is responsible for ensuring that both the physical health and mental wellbeing needs of the animals are met. These include the need:

- for a suitable environment (place to live)
- for a suitable diet
- to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- to be housed with, or apart from, other animals (if applicable)
- to be protected from pain, injury, suffering and disease

### **Putting this policy into practice**

To put this policy into practice successfully Food and Farming Compliance will:

- make a copy of this policy available to all staff, tutors and verifiers and ensure they are familiar with it and its implications
- make it readily available to learners
- monitor and review the effectiveness of the policy and make improvements where appropriate