



Penthwell Farm Ltd - Consent & Permissions Policy

At Penthwell Farm Ltd, we are committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and rights of all participants, visitors, and animals. This policy outlines how we obtain and manage consent and permissions for photography, animal interactions, and participation in activities.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure participants and their guardians understand and agree to the activities they take part in
- Protect the safety and welfare of both participants and animals
- Respect the privacy and rights of individuals when taking photographs or videos
- Provide a clear framework for staff to follow when seeking consent

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Children and young people, including SEN participants
- Adult participants and visitors
- Staff, volunteers, and contractors conducting sessions or activities
- All activities including:
 - Dog training and animal-assisted learning
 - Outdoor education and farm experiences
 - Photography or media recording
 - Handling, feeding, or interacting with farm animals

3. Obtaining Consent

Prior to participation, consent will be obtained from:

- Parents/guardians for children under 18
- Participants themselves if over 18 and capable of providing informed consent

Consent will cover:

- Participation in activities and sessions
- Handling or interaction with animals, where appropriate
- Photography or video recording for promotional, educational, or social media purposes
- Consent is documented in writing (paper or digital forms) and securely stored in line with data protection regulations.



4. Photography & Media

- Staff will clearly identify when photography or recording may occur
- Individuals or guardians may refuse consent without affecting participation
- Images or videos will only be used for official farm purposes (promotion, social media, website, or educational use)
- Any concerns regarding media usage should be reported immediately to the farm manager

5. Animal Interaction

- Participation in animal handling or therapy sessions is voluntary
- Staff will assess suitability for each participant, especially children or SEN learners
- Clear guidance is provided for safe handling, hygiene, and respect for the animals
- Participants or guardians can withdraw consent at any time

6. Withdrawal of Consent

- Consent can be withdrawn at any time by contacting Penthwell Farm Ltd
- Withdrawal of consent will be respected immediately, and the participant will not be penalised

7. Staff Responsibilities

- Ensure that consent is obtained and recorded before any activity
- Respect participant wishes regarding animal interaction and photography
- Provide clear instructions and supervision during all sessions

8. Commitment

Penthwell Farm Ltd is committed to:

- Ensuring that all participants, guardians, and staff are fully informed about activities and animal interactions
- Respecting the rights, privacy, and wellbeing of everyone on the farm
- Promoting safe, ethical, and inclusive participation in all experiences

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