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Animal Welfare Policy

This policy document demonstrates Irish Theatre Institutes adherence to and demonstration of the highest quality care and welfare of animals working in the Arts. Our policy is to provide the best of care for any animals we work with, with a strict adherence to the ideals presented in the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare for all of the animals under our ownership or control.

ITI will provide, as a necessity:

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
- Freedom from discomfort
- Freedom from pain, injury and disease
- Freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour
- Freedom from fear and distress

Irish Theatre Institute commits to full compliance with applicable animal health, welfare and conservation legislation. Any significant deviations from written Routines will be recorded and justified by responsible managers. The organisation will ensure that owners of all animals that it works with are happy with our policy and animal care routines before engaging the animal on any project. In addition, ITI commits to developing and implementing a written policy and plan for the retirement of animals at a time appropriate for the species and individual animal.

This Policy will be reviewed by the Board annually.