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The Ducky Dons core values are comfort, quality, sustainability and craftsmanship. We are committed to make sure that all our products are made in a way with respect for people, the environment and animals.

We find it very important to treat ourselves and those around us with care, thus we believe that animals should be treated the same way. Therefore, we expect all business partners that take part in the production of Ducky Dons goods (including subcontractors and subsidiaries) to respect, honour and implement our Animal Welfare Policy.

Together with our business partners, we are committed to make sure that:

1. Animals are free from hunger and thirst. This should be realized through ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
2. Animals are free from discomfort. This should be realized through providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. Animals should be free from pain, injury and disease. This should be realized through accurate prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. Animals are enabled to express normal behaviour. This should be realized through providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. Animals should be free from fear and distress. This should be realized through ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

All suppliers must follow national and international legislation regarding animal welfare. All parties handling animals should adhere to their Five Freedoms of the Farm Animal Welfare Committees (FAWC) as mentioned above.

We require only raw materials that come from animals reared for meat production and under no circumstances do we accept any material from exotic, threatened or endangered species as defined by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species (ICUN) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

In no circumstance may the following materials be used in any of Ducky Dons' goods and are therefore banned:

- Angora fibres
- Any type and form of exotic animal material, such as tortoiseshell, horn, bone, ivory, coral, snake, alligator, crocodile, lizard and ostrich



The following materials are **allowed** in the production of Ducky Dons goods, when the mentioned criteria are followed:

- New down and feathers: only when down and feathers originate from slaughtered birds bred for meat production. New down and feathers must not originate from farms practicing live plucking or force feeding. All new down and feathers must come from fully traceable sources and with RDS or Downpass 2017 standard.
- Recycled down and feathers recovered from old blankets and pillows, that would have otherwise gone into the waste stream, must come from GRS traceable sources.

Suppliers are urged to provide as detailed information as possible regarding the origin of the materials.

