

**General Health and Safety Guidelines**

Welcome to **Lafon Acres** – we're glad to have you here! Lafon Acres is a working farm offering fun and educational experiences with animals including but not limited to Alpacas, Goats, Highland cattle, Ostriches, Donkeys, Poultry, family Dog and Cat. We aim to provide a safe and memorable visit for all our guests.

By entering Lafon Acres, you acknowledge and accept full responsibility for your own; and your groups safety and agree to follow all safety instructions and farm rules.

Important Guidelines:**1. Lafon Acres is a working farm.**

While every reasonable effort is made to ensure your safety, potential risks may include (but are not limited to):

- Livestock (included but not limited to alpacas, ostriches, goats, cattle, donkeys, and poultry)
- Open waterways or troughs
- Uneven or slippery ground
- Electric or standard fencing and gates
- Wildlife and insects (e.g., wasps, bees)
- Weather conditions (heat, rain, wind, etc.)
- Farm equipment and vehicles in operation
- Trees, branches, and natural features

2. Always follow instructions from Lafon Acres staff, and obey all posted signage and safety warnings.**3. Children must be supervised at all times** by a responsible adult (16 years or older).**4. Access to animal paddocks is only permitted under staff supervision.****5. Playground equipment** (if available) may be used **only under adult supervision**. Use is at your own risk.**6. No pets** are allowed on the farm grounds unless approved in advance. If so, they must remain on a lead at all times and not enter the animals' paddocks.**7. Closed-toe footwear is required** – no bare feet, no jandals/flip-flops. Please wear shoes suitable for outdoor terrain and weather.

Animal-Specific Safety:**8. General Animal Behaviour**

While most animals at Lafon Acres are friendly, they can react unpredictably. Animals may kick, bite, scratch, jump, or startle easily. Please do not chase, tease, or crowd them.

9. Alpacas

Alpacas may spit, especially when threatened or competing for food.

Do not hold food above adult shoulder height – alpacas may jump.

10. Goats & Donkeys

These animals are curious and may nibble on clothing or belongings. Avoid sudden movements and loud noises. Watch children closely when feeding or petting.

11. Highland Cattle

Always maintain a safe distance from fences and follow all staff instructions near cattle areas as these girls have huge horns.

12. Ostriches

Are very inquisitive birds and also extremely powerful and kick forward. They love to peck at shiny and fluttering objects(including your hair) and enjoy showing off their feathers.

13. Chickens and the Cat

Chickens may peck if provoked. Do not chase or pick them up. Our resident cat is friendly but may not want to be handled – respect its space.

14. Family Dog

Our family dog is trained and friendly. Please do not feed him.

Other Important Information:

15. Animal Welfare

Any teasing, provoking, or harassment of animals (e.g., chasing, throwing objects, scaring animals) will result in immediate removal from animal areas or the farm.

16. Car Parking

Parking is provided for private vehicles and larger vehicles. Lafon Acres is not responsible for any damage or loss to vehicles or personal belongings. Park at your own risk and follow any directional signs.

17. Restricted Areas

Visitors must stay in designated public areas. Entry into private, staff-only, or climbing over gates, fences and enclosures is strictly prohibited.

18. Hygiene

Always wash your hands after touching animals or being in animal areas. Gloves must be worn when cleaning bins, bathrooms, or handling waste (staff/volunteer use). Do not eat or drink in animal contact areas.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood all the above **Health and Safety Guidelines** and I accept full responsibility for the supervision of my group during our visit at **Lafon Acres**.

Date: _____

Full name _____

Signature: _____

