

STATEMENT of POLICY and PROCEDURE			
Manual:	O'Keefe Ranch and Interior Heritage Society	OKR No.	7.03
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1 POLICY

- 1.01 The O'Keefe Ranch Board recognises the importance of Livestock and Fowl exhibits and the opportunity for guests to interact with them when possible. They fulfilled multiple roles in pioneer life; as a companion, an income sources and food source to people who lived during the formative years of the Okanagan Valley
- 1.02 Visitor safety and education is our first priority.
- 1.03 Annual assessment of the types and number of livestock and fowl owned by O'Keefe Ranch shall be conducted jointly by the Operations Director and the Board Facilities Committee. Special consideration will be given to "heritage breeds" and those breeds of the period of history.
- 1.04 A contract will be developed to clarify fees, responsibilities and timelines for all livestock and fowl on the O'Keefe Ranch site; whether owned, leased or loaned to the Society.
- 1.05 Consideration will be given to annual rotation of breeds on display. When possible displays will share a focus with events and or exhibits elsewhere on the Ranch. The lease or loan of livestock and fowl is the preferred practice.
- 1.06 A restricted access area will be maintained for livestock or fowl that are being treated for health or injury.
- 1.07 All areas that house livestock and fowl will display signage: "do not stand on fences", "no entry except staff", "no feeding the animals" etc.
- 1.08 All area will be enhanced with informational signage specific to the display.
- 1.09 Best practices are to be implemented for all types of structures, pens and fences.
- 1.11 The Facilities Structures Livestock Committee will be comprised of two board

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members, a Veterinarian or Vet. Tech, a farmer/rancher and community member.

2 PURPOSE

2.01 To provide guidelines for safety and care of livestock and fowl, utilizing best practice, while insuring safety of staff, volunteers and guests.

3 SCOPE

These policies extend to all livestock and fowl whether owned, leased, contracted, loaned or exhibited on the O'Keefe Ranch