

### Revised dairy code published

A revised Canadian dairy code of practice, developed under a new system which calls for **greater input from animal behaviour scientists** and **opportunity for public input**, is now available. The dairy code is the first code produced under the new system, and is an improved product over previous industry codes.

There are **no legislated standards** for the care of farm animals on farms in Canada – only the **voluntary** codes of practice. Some codes are more than ten years old and outdated, and do not reflect current scientific research. Existing codes **condone intensive confinement practices** including battery hen cages, sow gestation stalls, and veal crates and other practices which cause animals pain and suffering.

To download the codes on various species, visit <http://nfacc.ca/code.aspx>.

### Make your views heard...

The **fire commissioner in Manitoba** will receive the public's comments until July 10, 2009, on proposed standards for farm buildings in the province. In 2008, more than **30,000 pigs died** in barn fires in Manitoba. See <http://tinyurl.com/lrxz9j>

In May the Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals and Animal Alliance of Canada submitted comments about a national farm building code to the Standing Committee on Fire Protection, of the National Research Council of Canada.

The **Ontario government** will receive comments on **plans for potential new legislation affecting animal health**. Comments are due July 20, 2009. See <http://tinyurl.com/nl6y83>

### A beautiful day with the donkeys



Volunteers from the **Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals** greeted visitors at our information booth at the **Donkey Sanctuary of Canada's annual Donkey Day** on June 14. The day provided a great opportunity to visit with, and learn about the sanctuary's 70 donkey residents. There were many donkey-related events at the family-friendly celebration of donkeys.

The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada provides lifetime homes for abandoned, neglected or abused donkeys, mules and hinnies on a rolling 100-acre site south of Guelph, Ontario. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/nbrhy3>

### Maine bans intensive confinement

The state of Maine has joined a progressive trend in the United States: it is banning gestation crates and veal crates, effective January 1, 2011. This decision follows the landslide ballot victory in California last November which will ban battery hen cages, sow stalls and veal crates in 2015.

**Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals** is a *non-profit* coalition of 25 organizations dedicated to the welfare of animals raised for food in Canada.

**Our work is only possible through donations from individuals such as yourself.**

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