



Selah Carefarm Informed Consent and Waiver

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We are so deeply sorry you need us. We are so deeply thankful you've found us. We will do all we can to help you remember your beloved in ways that are profound, even if infused with grief.

The Selah Carefarm is a respite for those with a shattered heart. We are a restorative space and therapeutic community based in a practice of caring for humans who have known the most painful losses, healthy coping and integration of traumatic grief, and compassion/ahimsa: nonviolence and compassion for all. We will do everything we can to be sure that you feel held and safe here. We hope you experience both receiving and giving of caring and compassion. We hope you feel able to remember and feel your precious loved one ...

We are a rural Carefarm so you should expect to get hairy, dirty, and slobbery if you want to interact with the animals. We house 30 or more animals rescued from varying levels of torture, abuse, and neglect. We welcome between 20-40 clients and visitors a week from around the world.

Waiver and Release from Liability for Clients and Volunteers

Selah House Carefarm, a program of the MISS Foundation, provides a unique opportunity for education, supportive grief counseling, and community. Depending on the activity or program, individuals and groups will be able to learn about and have direct contact with live animals that may include but are not limited to: animals such as horses, peacocks, goats, sheep, dogs, and other animals that may not be listed.

Waiver and Release from Liability for Care Farm

I, (adult or minor child) HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE, indemnify, hold harmless and forever discharge the MISS Foundation, Dr. Joanne Cacciatore, and David Decker, their agents, employees, officers, directors, affiliates, volunteers, successors and assigns, of and from any and all claims, demands, debts, contracts, expenses, causes of action, lawsuits, damages and liabilities, of every kind and nature, whether know or unknown, in law or equity, that I or Minor Child ever had or may have arising from or in any way related to my and/or my child's participation in any events or activities conducted by, on the premises of, or for the benefit of, the property owners and the MISS Foundation, provided that this waiver of liability does not apply to any acts of gross negligence, or intentional, willful misconduct.

I understand that the activities that I and /or children will participate in and that I/children will see are inherently dangerous and may cause serious or grievous injuries, including bodily injury, damage to personal property and/or death. I/children will be in direct contact with animals that include but are not limited to: goats, rabbits, horses, chickens, dogs, peacocks, pigs, among other animals that may not be listed.

I understand that, as with most animals, they may react in an unpredictable way to sounds, sudden movements, people, or other animals that could result in injuries to people. On behalf of myself, said children, my heirs, assigns and next of kin, I/children waive all claims for damages, injuries and death sustained to me/children or property, that I/children may have against the aforementioned released party to such activity.

By this waiver, I/children, assume any risk, and **take full responsibility and waive any claims of personal injury or death or damage to personal property with the property owners and the MISS Foundation** including but not limited to visiting the farm, wading, swimming or entering Oak Creek, observing or interacting with the animals, using the facility and its equipment in any manner, form or fashion, and practicing and/or engaging in other related activities including the initiating of prohibited contact with the animals on and off the premises and disobeying any Carefarm regulations both posted and unposted. It is a condition of entry that visitors observe all warning signs, do not venture over safety barriers and do not enter the Carefarm's off limit areas.

This WAIVER AND RELEASE contains the entire agreement between parties and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements between them concerning the subject matter of this WAIVER AND RELEASE. The provisions of the WAIVER AND RELEASE may be waived, altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, only upon the prior written consent of all parties. The provision of this WAIVER AND RELEASE will continue in full force and effect even after the termination of the activities conducted by, on the premises of, or for the benefit of the property owners and the MISS Foundation, whether by agreement, by operation of law, or otherwise.

I have read, understand and fully agree to the terms of this WAIVER AND RELEASE. I understand and confirm that by signing this WAIVER AND RELEASE that I/children have given up considerable future legal rights. I have signed this Agreement freely, voluntarily, under

no duress of threat of duress, without inducement, promise or guarantee being communicated to me. My signature is proof of my intention to execute a complete and unconditional WAIVER AND RELEASE of all liability to the full extent of the law. I am 18 year of age or older, and/or legal guardian of children, and mentally competent to enter into this waiver.

I understand that this agreement contains a promise not to sue *the property owners, the MISS Foundation or their employees, board members or volunteers.*

My signature affirms that I, and my guests, including any minor children, understand and agree to the terms of this waiver and the foregoing rules of the Selah Carefarm.

Printed name

Signature

Date

SELAH CAREFARM CULTURE

Ahimsa paramo dharma: Non-violence is our ultimate duty

We live in ahimsa at Selah Carefarm (SC) and ask our clients to join us in this peace effort.

1. Our first and foremost mission is to wholeheartedly care and deeply respect *all beings*, humans and animals, and bear witness to their suffering as well as our own. SC is a **strictly vegan environment centered on compassion for all! No exceptions.**
2. SC is a therapeutic community for grieving families from around the world to remember and mourn their beloved ones in a unique and safe environment.
 - We keep it safe by being fully aware of our genuine, careful communication that considers the trauma and grief all our clients are facing and the deep personal work in which they are engaged.
 - We keep it safe by being fully aware that someone else is likely to be experiencing their grief as intensely as we do our own.
 - We are keeping it safe by seeing visitors ***by appointment only***.
 - We keep it safe by cultivating a culture of utmost mutual respect:
 - We ***begin at the scheduled time***. We respect each other's time by arriving five minutes early.
 - Latecomers ***quietly*** come in and take their place.
 - We ask clients to leave early only when unavoidable. If clients have to leave an event early, ***leave quietly without disrupting others***.
3. SC is a place for animals saved from abuse, neglect, and torture to keep them safe and healthy.
 - We keep our animals safe by ***closing all the gates*** and ***paying attention*** when we come and go.
 - We keep them safe by treating them with respect, kindness, and gentleness.
 - We keep them healthy by feeding them appropriate amounts of feed at regular times. Please follow your guide's instructions.

The carefarm is a therapeutic community and is not open to the public. You must have a scheduled appointment here to visit the carefarm. Because of open waterways that cannot be fenced, no children under the age of 7 are permitted on the property. We have large guardian dogs who protect our flock from night predators. For the safety of your own pets, please leave your animals at home or at your hotel.



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