Maplewood Farm

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Objectives

- Maplewood Farm History
- Farm operations
- Animal husbandry
- Animal enrichment & welfare
- Recent enhancements
- Importance of Maplewood Farm
Maplewood Farm History

- During the 1920’s developed as a dairy farm by Akiyo Kogo
- Purchased by the DNV in 1970, opened to the public in 1975
- Public able to engage and experience farm culture close to home
Average Day at the Farm

- Farmers work 6:30am-5pm, open to the public 10am-4pm
- Responsibilities include all feeding & watering, health checks
- Grooming, training, and daily enrichment
- Public education
Additional Responsibilities

• Facilitate volunteers and work experience students
• Public outreach displays and demonstrations
• Public events and birthday parties
• Responsible for maintaining community garden and greenhouse
Maplewood Farm Volunteer Program

- Student work experience opportunities with various schools in North and West Vancouver
- Post Secondary Students Pre-vet
- Assisted Volunteer Program with Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
Farm Patron Attendance
Global Animal Care Standards:

*Animal Five Freedoms*

- Freedom from thirst
- Freedom from hunger
- Freedom from discomfort, pain, injury or disease
- Freedom from fear or distress
- Freedom to express their normal behaviors
Animal Husbandry

- Proper food and shelter
- Animal management
- Public and animal safety
- Animal enrichment, grooming and training
- Disease and sickness prevention
Animal Welfare Practices

- Developing partnership with BC SPCA Farm
- Working towards gold standard of farm animal care
- Example: Animal rest areas
- Example: Dairy Cow Udder Net
Animal Enrichment

- New enrichment program
- Aimed to stimulate the senses
- Provide animals with a sense of choice and control over their environment
- Allow for play and engagement
- Educational opportunities and public outreach
Recent Farm Enhancements

• Addition of cameras to highly trafficked areas of the Farm
• Repairs to program/amenity room
• Enhancement of animal rest areas
• Installation of fire suppression system in livestock barn
Community Outreach

- Partnership with North Vancouver Salvation Army Food Services
- Partnership with Save On Foods North Vancouver
- Relationship with Kenneth Gordon School & Thrive Family Centre
- Community Garden
Future of Maplewood Farm

- Children’s Educational Programs & Summer Camps
- Public Events
- School Programs & Outreach
- Community Engagement
- Sustainable Farming Practices
Visitor Feedback

• “I've noticed a lot of changes around the place lately, and I shared that with your staff today. The place has been transformed.” – Maplewood Farm Member, 2021

• “…a great place to take your family, not many places like this left.” – Maplewood Farm Visitor, 2021
Questions?