



ARCTIC  
**ADVENTURE**  
TOURS

## ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

Arctic Adventure Tours, in collaboration with Dr. Lisa Homb Hansen, Veterinary practitioner, work to maintain the following animal welfare provisions for all dogs used in conjunction with dog sledding tours:

1. **Freedom from hunger and thirst;** dogs are fed and watered in conjunction with their needs; winter time, breakfast soup, high protein meat snacking, evening meal meat and specialised high calorie dry food); summer time, constant access to water, and low-calorie meal.
2. **Freedom from discomfort;** all dogs are provided with a doghouse and straw. Straw is changed regularly, and faeces is removed throughout the day. Dogs are housed in accordance with Norwegian Governmental standards and regulations for kennelled dogs.
3. **Freedom from pain, injury and disease;** dogs are part of a vaccination program to prevent against common diseases such as Parvovirus and Distemper virus infection, Canine Hepatitis and Kennel cough. Puppies are wormed several times during puppyhood. Dogs are given appropriate veterinary treatment as soon as feasibly possible. Precautions such as use of booties to protect paws in specific trail conditions are endorsed. Back to back breeding on brood bitches is not carried out. Breeding is within a strict program to ensure healthy and genetically sound puppies. All dogs are microchipped and registered. Dogs are kept within their optimum weight range.
4. **Freedom to express normal behaviour;** dogs are able to interact with one another during sledding tours and in the kennel. A facility for adult dogs to run loose is provided at our training camp. Puppies are exercised regularly and appropriately to their age.
5. **Freedom from fear and distress;** dogs are treated with respect and handled efficiently and sympathetically. Dogs are monitored to ensure neighbouring dogs are an appropriate temperamental match.

I, Dr Lisa Homb Hansen, Veterinary surgeon, support and agree that the standards stated above are true and upheld by Arctic Adventure Tours. I have worked in collaboration with Arctic Adventure Tours since 2002, and state that this kennel is setting an exemplary welfare standard.

Signed  Vet. Lisa Homb Hansen AS Date 17.12.2018  
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