

Data protection information for visitors and users of the database at <https://datenbank.initiative-tierwohl.de/OSTierwohl/start/do>

The team at Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH (Company for the Promotion of Animal Welfare in Livestock Production Ltd.) are pleased to note your interest in the Initiative Animal Welfare. The animal welfare database installed at <https://datenbank.initiative-tierwohl.de/OSTierwohl/start/do> is the data management hub for the Initiative Animal Welfare which is why you are required to employ our animal welfare database when using the system.

In the following we will provide you with detailed information on the ways in which the data you provide will be used.

I. Declaration of consent and right of objection

On the basis of your use of the database you agree to allow Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH to process and use your personal and corporate data for the purpose of rendering services offered by the animal welfare database as well as for the other purposes indicated in the following. You are entitled to revoke your consent at any time with effect for the future by informing Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH of this in writing.

II. General principles

1. Privacy policy

Data protection and security are high on our list of priorities at Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH. The durable protection of your corporate and personal data is a key concern of ours.

As the operator of the animal welfare database the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH is subject to the provisions of the German Data Protection Act (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz, BDSG) in connection with the collection and processing of personal data. This privacy policy statement explains in accordance with the terms laid out by the Data Protection Act what personal and corporate data the animal welfare database is allowed to collect in connection with your visit or use of the animal welfare database and how this data can be processed and used on the animal welfare database. In addition, this statement lays down in writing what data can be made available for download to whom and for what purposes (Section 10 of the Data Protection Act). This statement does not apply to companies whose websites have links to the animal welfare database, or to companies to whose websites the animal welfare database has links.

Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH reserves the right to update the information provided in this privacy policy statement, without prior notification, in keeping with changes in legislation, court decisions, or business processes. The version published on this website shall be effective as amended. To the extent that this should be required by law Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH will ask you to provide your consent once again.

2. Collection and processing your data

You can of course visit this website without providing personal information. However, if you want to become an active participant in the animal welfare initiative (login on the animal welfare database) you will have to provide personal information. Information on the nature and extent of the data collected is available on the relevant pages. Our server automatically stores information that your browser sends to us in its log files.

This information is:

- browser type/version
- operating system used
- page previously visited
- host name of the accessing computer (IP address)
- time of server request.

This data is not traceable to specific individuals and is merely used for statistical purposes. This data is not used in conjunction with data from other sources.

3. Use and transfer of your data

The animal welfare database uses the data provided by you exclusively for the various functions called up on the animal welfare database. Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Tierwohls in der Nutztierhaltung mbH does not transfer personal data to third parties, unless there is an official order from a public authority to do so, or unless you expressly declare your consent to this.

4. Use of cookies

If your browser is set not to accept cookies this may limit the functionality of the animal welfare database. The use of cookies is necessary to be able to use the animal welfare database login area. Otherwise you will be asked to enter your user name and password every time you go to a new page.

5. Data security

We have put in place a comprehensive range of security measures, technical and operational, to protect personal and corporate data that has been entered and stored on the animal welfare database against unauthorized access and misuse. The security procedures used by the animal welfare database are reviewed and updated regularly. The specific technical and organizational measures taken to guarantee data security (Section 9 of the Data Protection Act) remain unnamed for security reasons.

6. Right to information on data

Under the Data Protection Act you have a right to free information on your stored data as well as a right to have the data in question corrected, erased, or access to it blocked.

These rights can be refused if they are outweighed by the interests of the general public, the interests of a business in preserving trade secrets, or the interests of third parties in maintaining confidentiality. This must be assessed on a case-by-case basis. A refusal to provide information must be documented and the reasons for the refusal listed. Access to personal data that is processed automatically or stored in non-automated files must be blocked if the affected person disputes the accuracy of the data in question and it is not possible to determine whether or not it is correct.

7. German version has priority; contact person for data protection

This privacy policy statement is provided in two languages (German and English). When in doubt the German text and its components shall have priority. For questions regarding the collection, processing, or use of personal data, or regarding information requests, correction or erasure of data, blocking access to data, as well as revocations of consent please contact Dr. Iris Rudat-Schwarz, data protection commissioner (Iris.Rudat-Schwarz@g-s.de), or Dr. Alexander Hinrichs (Alexander.Hinrichs@initiative-tierwohl.de), managing director.