

*Calms Alternative  
Provision*



## CHARNWOOD FOREST ALPACAS

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## THE CALMS APPROACH

At CALMs our programme is designed to offer learners support within a structured and calm environment, following our ethos of 'Calm and Confident'. Ensuring individual learning needs are met in and outside the classroom. ASDAN Accreditation is attached to all of our learning outcomes and within our certificates of achievement!

Our sessions are available to young people aged 4 - 18 who may have any of the following: learning difficulties and a statement of special educational needs or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), including challenging behaviour.

All our educational programmes are designed to offer learners a host of animal experiences, surrounding the 5 Animal Freedoms approach to animal care. Our direct work, with children and young people is supported by a restorative and conflict resolution approach.

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## THE HUB

When you arrive on the farm you will be met by your AP Coach in The Hub. You will complete an emotion check in for the morning and then run through your jobs for the day.

You can take a break in The Hub at anytime during the day. It is your safe space whilst on the farm.

There are 3 workbooks to complete when you are on the farm, your AP Coach will help you in whatever you need to complete these so that you can gain the ASDAN qualifications we offer.

At lunchtime you will eat in the hub with your AP Coach.

We also do crafts and games in The Hub.

At the end of the day you will come back to The Hub and run through how the day has gone and then do your emotion check in for the end of the day.

You will be collected from The Hub.

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## THE FARM

Charnwood Forest Alpacas is located in Boundary, a hamlet nestled on the Leicestershire and Derbyshire border and situated on the outskirts of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Our 110 acre farm at Charnwood Forest Alpacas is one of the first, original and largest alpaca farms open to the public in the UK.

We are passionate about sharing the wonderful personalities of not just our alpacas, but all of the animals at the farm.

Immerse yourself in a world of wonder as you feed and get up close to our delightful array of creatures. From our endearing alpacas to rare breed goats, sheep, pigs, and an array of other unique species, every visit promises a memorable experience.

Relax with friends and family in a welcoming atmosphere at the The Chilli Bean.

The Chilli Bean offers a wide selection of food and drink.

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## THE FIVE ANIMAL FREEDOMS

### Freedom from discomfort

Every animal should be given an appropriate environment to live in, including a safe and comfortable shelter and area to rest.

### Free from hunger and thirst

Every animal must have access to healthy food and fresh water.

### Free from pain, injury and disease

We must make sure that injured or sick animals are diagnosed and treated quickly. We must also ensure that they are given all preventative treatment.

### Free to display normal behaviour

Animals must be given sufficient space, proper facilities and other animals of their own kind to keep them company.

### Free from fear and distress

We must ensure that the conditions and treatment of the animal will not cause any mental suffering.

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## POULTRY

Chickens can distinguish between more than 100 faces of their own species. Looks like elephants aren't the only ones who have a great memory.

Chickens know who's boss—they form complex social structures known as "pecking orders," and every chicken knows his or her place on the social ladder.

Ducks are most comfortable when living with other ducks in their natural environment. When on the water, they congregate in groups called "paddlings," which helps protect them from predators.

We have chickens, geese, ducks, guinea fowl, turkeys and pea chicks on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- perimeter check the field
- muck out the houses
- clean water troughs
- calm time with them
- collect eggs
- enrichment with them

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Not only can sheep recognize up to 50 other sheep faces and remember them for 2 years, but they can also recognize human faces.

Sheep are intelligent, with impressive memory and recognition skills. They build friendships, stick up for one another in fights, and feel sad when their friends are sent to slaughter.

Sheep have excellent peripheral vision. Their large, rectangular pupils allow them to see almost 360 degrees. In fact, they can see behind themselves without turning their heads!

We have ewes and rams on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- perimeter check the field
- clean water troughs
- halter train the sheep
- watch the farm team do husbandry
- feed the sheep
- enrichment

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## DONKEYS

• This animal is well known for being a sturdy and hard worker, but many people don't realize that donkeys can be quite interesting.

• Donkeys can be found in a number of different geographical locations, mostly due to their domestication. In ancient times, they were typically found in places like central Asia and northern Africa.

• Donkeys get their reputation for being dependable mostly due to the fact that they're often used as work donkeys.

• We have 14 donkeys on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- Muck out donkey stables
- clean water troughs
- collect branches for them
- herd in the donkeys from the field to their pen
- walk the donkeys around the farm
- groom a donkey
- enrichment for the donkeys

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Horses are such fascinating creatures, and there are hundreds of horse breeds, such as the Arabian, Andalusian, Friesian, and mustang, each with its own unique personality and appearance.

Horses can sleep standing up. They sleep lying down, too. Horses must lie down to achieve a full restorative sleep cycle for a minimum of 30 minutes per day to avoid sleep deprivation.

Horses in the wild live in small herds, and domestic horses feel more comfortable if they have companions, too.

We have around 20 horses on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- Groom the horses
- perimeter check the fields
- spend calm time with the Shetlands
- clean the water troughs
- enrichment for the horses
- take the Shetlands on a walk
- ride a horse

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Kunekunes (pronounced "cooney cooney") are a small breed of domesticated pig. In fact, they are smaller and fatter than most domesticated pigs (hence their name). They have round bellies, stubby legs, and short snouts. Most also have one or more chin tassels, called "piri piri," which are a distinctive trait of the breed. Kunekune coats vary in color and pattern, ranging from speckled or blotchy to solid hues of brown, black, white, tan and gold. Coat texture may vary as well, from short and silky to coarse and curly.

Until fairly recently, kunekune pigs were found only in New Zealand living among the Maori people. The breed likely originated somewhere in Asia.

We have 8 pigs on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- Feed the different groups
- perimeter check the fields
- spend calm time in the fields
- clean the water troughs
- enrichment for the pigs
- watch the farm team carry out husbandry
- feed the pigs vegetables

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Goats' pupils (like many hooved animals) are rectangular. This gives them vision for 320 to 340 degrees (compared to humans with 160-210) around them without having to move and they are thought to have excellent night vision.

Goats were one of the first animals to be tamed by humans and were being herded 9,000 years ago.

Goats, being mountain animals, are very good at climbing.

We have 14 goats on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- Feed the different groups
- perimeter check the fields
- catch and halter in the field
- spend calm time in the fields
- clean the water troughs
- walk the goats
- enrichment for the goats
- watch the farm team carry out husbandry
- collect brambles

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## ALPACAS

Alpacas are gentle, docile animals, which are kept in herds and sometimes also kept as companion animals or pets, though alpacas are so social that they only thrive if they live with at least one other alpaca.

The average lifespan of an alpaca is 20 years.

Unlike most livestock, alpacas are quite clean and easy to care for. Most alpacas do not have a bad smell.

We have over 200 alpacas on the farm and whilst with us you will get to:

- Feed the different groups
- perimeter check the fields
- catch and halter alpacas in the field
- ear tag clean
- spend calm time in the fields
- clean the water troughs
- walk the alpacas
- muck out pens
- herd in from their fields
- watch the farm team carry out husbandry
- enrichment for the alpacas

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