

Down Feather Policy

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Kathmandu is committed to sourcing down and feathers from birds that are treated ethically and humanely. To this end:

- Kathmandu does not use down provided by harvesting¹, live-plucking², or foie gras operations.
- Kathmandu only uses down from birds that are killed for the meat industry, where down and feathers are a by-product.
- Kathmandu's down suppliers are required to certify that they are strictly complying with our policy on Live-Plucking and Harvesting

Humane treatment of animals is an integral part of our company philosophy and we will continue to enforce these requirements throughout our supply chain.

¹Harvesting is the removal of molting feathers by hand from the body of a goose/duck during the natural molting season. Molting seasons can vary, but are generally based on the age, breed, and genetics of the bird. Proper harvesting occurs when the feathers of a goose/duck are completely mature and naturally separate from its body and are only removed from specific areas of its body.

²Live-Plucking is any removal of down and feathers from the body of a goose/duck outside the molting season as described by the definition of harvesting above.