

**Animals in the Setting Policy**

We take account of the views of parents and children when selecting an animal or creature to keep as a pet in the setting.

We carry out a risk assessment with a knowledgeable person accounting for any hygiene or safety risks posed by the animal or creature.

We provide suitable housing for the animal or creature and ensure this is cleaned out regularly and is kept safely.

We ensure the correct food is offered at the right times.

We make arrangements for weekend and holiday care for the animal or creature.

We register with the local vet and carry out any appropriate health care.

Children are taught correct handling and care of the animal or creature and are supervised.

Children wash their hands after handling the animal or creature and do not have contact with animal soil or soiled bedding.

Staff wear disposable gloves when cleaning housing or handling soiled bedding.

If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner and a risk assessment will take place prior to the visit.

This Policy was \*adopted/renewed at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­

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