



Pets Policy

RATIONALE:

We consider animals to be an important part of the daily experiences we provide for our children. Children are able to develop respect and a sense of responsibility in caring for animals. The wellbeing of any animals in the care of the centre is of paramount importance in their inclusion in our program.

PROCEDURES:

- Food and water supply for all animals is checked daily. Children are encouraged to take part in this caring routine
- Teachers role-model responsibility and care of the pets. This helps children to learn the skills of caring for the animals, themselves and others
- A roster for the cleaning of the animal environments is maintained to ensure each teacher has a turn and the animals are kept clean and healthy
- Children experience hands-on care and touch as the animals are brought into the classroom environment regularly
- Staff will ensure that children wash their hands thoroughly after handling Centre pets

CONSULTATION:

With who? How? By when?

Consultation:

- Who? Families/whanau
- How? Written and discussion
- When?

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