



## Pet Policy and Procedure

I believe that children can learn a lot from interaction with animals. While in my home the children will have contact with two cats. However, correct procedures need to be followed to ensure the safety of the children.

- ✓ Children must be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly.
- ✓ Children must wash their hands after any contact with animals and understand the reasoning behind this.
- ✓ Children must be taught that not all animals are child friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.
- ✓ Food for the pet must be stored safely away from the children's reach.
- ✓ Feeding bowls will be cleared away after the animals have been fed, this is usually before the children have arrived.
- ✓ A high standard of hygiene must be followed, with careful thought given to the placing of the feeding and drink bowls.
- ✓ The garden must be checked every morning before the children are permitted outside to play to ensure that no animal has fouled it.
- ✓ Children will not be left unsupervised with the animals.
- ✓ Children will not be forced to interact with the animals and will be allowed to make their own choice on whether to interact with them or not.
- ✓ All pets in my home will be vaccinated and will have regular worming and flea treatment.
- ✓ If you child has a sensitivity to a particular animal please make me aware so I can put procedures into place.
- ✓ If your child is nervous around a particular animal please make me aware so I can help and support your child if we come across this animal during an outing.

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