

# The Kinder Garden



## Pet Policy

### Aim

The aim of The Kinder Garden is to provide a safe and hygienic environment, to protect children educators and staff against the risk of harm from an animal/pet kept at the Service. We will educate children in the proper care of the service's animals/pets.

### Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010  
Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011  
National Quality Standards 2011  
Work Health and Safety Act 2011  
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

### Who is affected by this policy?

Children  
Staff  
Educators  
Families  
Management

### Implementation

Animals/pets kept at the service will be regularly cleaned, fed, de-flea, wormed and vaccinated.

Caged animals/pets will have their cages cleaned daily.

Pets/animals will not be allowed to contaminate the sandpit, or play area. In the event that the sandpit or play area is contaminated, educators/staff will remove sand or dirt from the area and dispose of accordingly. The area will then be cleaned as per Sand Pit Policy.

Animals/Pets will **never** be kept near food preparation, food handling areas or sleeping areas.

Hand washing will always be undertaken when handling animals/pets, by children as well as educators/staff.

Children's pets will be allowed in to the service only when prior arrangements have been made with the Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor. Parents must leave animals outside the gates when delivering or collecting their child.

Educators/staff will closely supervise children when they are handling pets and animals, and will include within the children's program how to correctly care for animals and pets.

**The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.**

### Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010  
Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011  
Guide to the National Quality Standard 2011  
Work Health and Safety Act 2011  
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

### Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

**Reviewed:** October 2016

**Date for next review:** October 2017