



Care of Animals Policy

Goal:

To ensure the health and well-being of pets and animals belonging to, or visiting the centre

Procedure

1. Enclosures and sleeping quarters will be positioned to protect pets or animals from extremes of weather, with adequate covering.
2. Enclosures will be kept clean and hygienic in accordance with expert advice to maintain optimum health.
3. Arrangements will be made to ensure that pets or animals are fed and cared for during centre closure times.
4. Suitable storage will be provided for food and bedding materials.
5. Maanakitanga: Tamariki participation in the care of the animals will be encouraged by:
 - Feeding: Learning what the animals eat by helping with daily feeding and keeping animals supplied with fresh water to drink
 - Cleaning: Assisting kaiako with some cleaning processes as appropriate e.g. learn about the need for removal and disposal of soiled matter and providing a clean environment.
 - Handling: Learning how to pat and hold pets as appropriate and treating all animals with respect.
 - Hygiene: Washing hands after involvement in animal care and handling.
6. When any pet of the centre dies, children will be given the opportunity to see (if appropriate) and farewell the pet. There will be opportunities for children to assist with preparations and participation in a pet tangi.

This policy will be reviewed as per the policy review schedule.

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