

**FARM COVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
ANIMAL WELFARE
NAG 6 - POLICY**

RATIONALE

'Animals' is an all-inclusive term which includes all living things which are not plants. Thus it includes insects, reptiles, fish, birds, as well as mice and larger mammals.

The school recognises its responsibility in monitoring the inclusion of animals in any programme/school event.

PURPOSE

- 1) To provide a safe environment for animals.
- 2) To provide opportunities for students to learn appropriate handling and care of animals.
 - a) Opportunities for detailed observation and investigation of the animal's way of life, animal structure, behaviour, growth and life stories.
 - b) Stimulation to do creative work and encourage the aesthetic appreciation of animals.
 - c) Contribution to the personal development of students by shared responsibility for animals' welfare, establishment of caring attitudes, and introduction to potential life long interests involving animals.

GUIDELINES

1. No pain, distress or harm will be caused to any animal used by teachers and pupils of this school.
2. Animals must be lawfully acquired. They must be maintained and used in strict compliance with all laws, regulations and local bylaws, this includes appropriate record keeping.
3. No protected or endangered species will be used for any purpose.
4. Only healthy animals will be permitted at this school. High standards of cleanliness and hygiene are insisted on.
5. Students looking after animals must receive appropriate training for the task.

6. Animals must be given an appropriate balanced diet including ready access to clean drinking water, this includes weekends and holidays.
7. Animals must be kept in secure surroundings protected from vandalism and cruelty. Housing must be of appropriate size, design and safety.
8. Appropriate arrangements must be made for the final disposal of animals.
9. Stray, sick or injured animals brought to the school by pupils should be handed over to the SPCA or Veterinary Practitioner for appropriate treatment or care.
10. If dogs stray on to school grounds during school hours and their owners cannot be located immediately the Dog Ranger will be requested.

APPROVED

BoT:

Principal:

REVIEWED: 2016
REVIEW DATE: 2019