

Henderson Intermediate School

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

RATIONALE

The school recognizes that under the Animal Protection Act, 1987 it is required to have a code of ethical conduct relating to the welfare and treatment of any animals under its care. “Animal” is defined as any living creature with a backbone, including land-based and aquatic mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles.

Procedures

- Animals must have appropriate diet, including access to water. Animals must have cages / containers of an appropriate size, be ventilated and hygienic.
- Animals must not be subjected to extremes of noise, draught or sunlight.
- Animals should be free from injury or disease. Diseased or injured animals should not be at school. Dogs at School must have up to date vaccinations.
- Animals must be handled / kept in such a way that they are not subjected to stress or fear.
- Animals should be able to express normal behaviour.
- Any person bringing an animal to School needs to seek approval from the Principal acting on behalf of the BOT.
- Dogs at School must be on a lead when outside of the classroom, to ensure the safety of students.
- Dogs will be able to be at School on Fridays as a ‘Student Well-Being’ strategy. Owners of ‘Dogs’ will at all times be responsible for their supervision.

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