

CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS POLICY

At Child Side School teaching and learning activities using animals are carried out where is it essential to the development of learning outcomes and values using real life experiences and animals in order to enrich the learning experiences for children.

At all times we comply with the requirements of the Australian code of Practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes. Child Side School follows the guidelines set out by the ‘Schools Animal Ethics Committee of Western Australia’ (SAEC). At Child Side School animals are used in ways described in categories 1 and 2 as described below and are already SAEC approved.

Category 1

Observational studies of animals involving no direct contact by students.

Category 2

Basic handling, feeding and care of animals. No breeding (except fish).

Responsibilities of Educators:

1. To proceed with activities concerning animals relating to category 1 or 2 ensuring an appropriate level of supervision of children and animal care.
2. To maintain Animal Usage Records (FORM B) contained in class animal care files.
3. To maintain Animal Health Records (FORM C1) contained in class animal care files.
4. In the case of an animal dying or becoming ill send form (FORM C2) promptly to SAEC.
5. Annual report (FORM D) to be completed at the end of each school year and sent to SAEC.

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