

Pet & Animal Policy

I believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals; however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the children.

I have two dogs an old lady called Mollie and a younger one called Sooty also a Tortoise called Keg. All animals have been brought up around children and know the basic house rules.

Mollie and Sooty have their own bed area where children are not to go. Mollie and Sooty will be sent to their bed during meal times and if the day becomes hectic they may be put in the outside area near the shed away from the children. The Tortoise Keg is free to wonder around the garden, children will become aware of him and learn to respect his needs.

*Children will be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly.

*Children must wash their hands after any contact with animals and understand the reasoning behind this.

When we go out for walks and visits the children will be taught that not all animals are friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.

I will encourage the children to help me feed the animals when they are around for meal times. The animal's food will be stored safely away from the children's reach at all other times. Hand washing after handling the food or touching the animals will be very important to ensure a high standard of hygiene. The Water bowl will be left on the floor for Mollie and Sooty to have as they need. The children will be discouraged to touch the water bowl and learn that is for the dogs only. If touched by the children exploring then hands will be washed again immediately.

I will check the garden every morning, and continually through the day before the children are permitted outside to play, to ensure that the animas have not fouled it.

Childminder's signature: _____ Date: _____