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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

Although animals, birds and fish are not a necessary part of the program, at Eastwood Heights OOSH (the Service) we believe that they can be a valuable source of learning and enjoyment for the children. Any animal, bird or fish that enters the Service must be safe to handle and not present any danger to the children. Educators will ensure that everyone in the Service treats all animals with respect and in a humane way at all times. Strict supervision will be maintained.

## 2. PROCEDURES

The decision to keep pets or have an animal visit the Service will be made by the Nominated Supervisor based on an observed need or value to the children.

The introduction of an animal, bird or fish will only be considered where it is deemed safe with and suitable for children, and an assurance must be given that the animal will be properly cared for. No animal, bird, fish or livestock likely to be a source of infection or which may be detrimental in any way to the wellbeing of the children will be allowed into the Service. Checks will be made regarding individual children's allergies before considering bringing any type of animal into the Service.

All animals that are kept on the premises shall be maintained in a clean and healthy condition, and treated with respect and in a humane way. Hygienic procedures will be followed regarding cleaning and disposal of waste. All animals will be located away from any food or food preparation areas.

An educator will be assigned the duty of ensuring that each animal is fed and looked after. A roster of staff and children may be created to fulfill this duty. Suitable shelter, food and water will be maintained and kept topped up at all times, and appropriate arrangements shall be made to ensure the animal is well cared for over weekend and holiday breaks.

Children will be educated on an ongoing basis on how to properly care for and handle animals. They will be reminded about good hygiene practices (such as hand washing) after handling any animal, and educators will ensure that these are adhered to. Supervision will be maintained at all times.

## 3. REFERENCES

### 3.1 Statutory authority

- National Quality Standards (Standard 2.1, 2.3, 3.2, 3.3)

### 3.2 Service policies

- Hand Washing and Gloves Policy
- Maintenance of Safe Environment Policy

### 3.3 National frameworks

- Framework for School Age Care in Australia, "My Time, Our Place" (1.2, 1.4, 3.1), [http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/National-Quality-Framework-Resources-Kit/my\\_time\\_our\\_place\\_framework\\_for\\_school\\_age\\_care\\_in\\_australia.pdf](http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/National-Quality-Framework-Resources-Kit/my_time_our_place_framework_for_school_age_care_in_australia.pdf)