



Health and safety procedures

## 01.15 Animals and pets (visitors to setting/experiences)

- Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with any animals/creatures.
- A risk assessment is conducted and considers any hygiene and safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
- Suitable housing for visiting animals is provided and is regularly cleaned and maintained. Arrangements are made for weekend and holiday care for the animal/creature.
- Children are taught correct handling of the pet and are always supervised.
- Children wash hands after handling a pet and do not have contact with pet faeces, or soiled bedding.
- Members of staff wear single use vinyl/latex free gloves when cleaning/handling.
- The owner of the animal/creature maintains responsibility for it in the setting.
- The owner carries out a risk assessment detailing how the animal/creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- No dogs on the Government's Banned Dogs list are to be brought on site at any time. All other dogs brought on site by parents/carers during arrival and departure times must be on a lead and under control. The Manager reserves the right to request that a dog is not brought on site, if the animal is out of control, or likely to pose a risk.
- If staff are concerned that a family owns a dog which is on the banned dog list, it is treated as a safeguarding concern and it is reported to the relevant authority, and safeguarding procedures are followed.

### Further guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>