

Edgeworth Child Care Centre Inc.

Pet Policy

Aim

The aim of Edgeworth Child Care Centre is to provide a safe and hygienic environment, to protect children educators and staff against the risk of harm from an animal/pet kept at the Service. We will educate children in the proper care of the service's animals/pets.

Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011
National Quality Standards 2011
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Who is affected by this policy?

Children
Staff
Educators
Families
Management

Implementation

Animals/pets kept at the service will be regularly cleaned, fed, de-flea, wormed and vaccinated.

Caged animals/pets will have their cages cleaned daily.

Pets/animals will not be allowed to contaminate the sandpit, or play area. In the event that the sandpit or play area is contaminated, educators/staff will remove sand or dirt from the area and dispose of accordingly. The area will then be cleaned as per Sand Pit Policy.

Animals/Pets will **never** be kept near food preparation, food handling areas or sleeping areas.

Hand washing will always be undertaken when handling animals/pets, by children as well as educators/staff.

Children's pets will be allowed in to the service only when prior arrangements have been made with the Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor. Parents must leave animals outside the gates when delivering or collecting their child.

Educators/staff will closely supervise children when they are handling pets and animals, and will include within the children's program how to correctly care for animals and pets.

The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010
Education and Care Services National Regulation 2011
Guide to the National Quality Standard 2011
Work Health and Safety Act 2011
Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

Reviewed: 25 October 2017

Date for next review: October 2018