

**CENTRE PROCEDURES**

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## ANIMALS AT THE CENTRE

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**Purpose:**

Treetops Early Learning Centre believes in the value of animals within our learning environment. Tamariki are able to develop respect and a sense of responsibility through caring for the animals at Treetops. The well being of any animals in our care is paramount to their inclusion in our programme. This Policy provides guidance on the care of animals

**Procedures:**

1. All pets will be well cared for and supplied with fresh food and water on a daily basis
2. The cleaning of pets cages / homes will be rostered and included in the cleaning schedule
3. Tamariki will be encouraged to participate in the caring of the pets, making sure the pets welfare is of first priority.
4. Kaiako will ensure that they and all tamariki wash their hands after handling any of the pets equipment. Kaiako will actively supervise tamariki before eating when they have been in contact with pets.
5. Kaiako will role model appropriate skills needed for handling of the pets
6. Any pet that becomes unwell will be taken to the veterinary clinic as soon as possible and isolated from tamariki until then.
7. On special occasions whānau may be encouraged to bring their pets to the centre. Any animal that shows aggression will be asked to leave the centre immediately.
8. Kaiako will ensure that pets have adequate food and water over statutory holidays or will be taken home by either kaiako or whānau.
9. Any animals at the centre must be able to be restrained at all times.
10. Each centre will develop its own procedure in line with the local health department guidelines. The procedure must support company policy and state the animals / pets that will be allowed in Licenced play spaces (as governed by the Health Department).

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