

ANIMALS AS PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Prior to granting or denying requests to include animals in the program's instructional program, the program administrator will evaluate the following issues:

- 1) There is an educational benefit to be gained by the inclusion of the animal in the instructional program.
- 2) There is an appropriate plan for the control of the animal, especially for undomesticated or potentially hazardous animals.
 - A) No animal will be allowed to roam unrestrained on the program campus or in classrooms.
 - B) All animals will be restricted to the area designated by the program administrator.
 - C) Animals will be housed in suitable, sanitary self-contained enclosures appropriate to the size of the animal or kept on a leash.
 - D) Birds will not be allowed to fly free in a classroom.
- 3) Any health concerns involving students, staff or other animals have been thoroughly addressed.
 - A) Animals will be clean and healthy so that the risk of transmitting diseases to students is minimal.
 - B) Dogs and cats must have a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian showing proof of current vaccinations.
 - C) Animals should be well-groomed and free of parasites such as fleas, ticks, and mites.
 - D) Snakes, reptiles, and amphibians should not be handled without very close adult supervision.
 - E) Staff will ensure students wash hands thoroughly after handling any animals.
- 4) The animal's health, safety and well-being have been appropriately evaluated.

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