

Learning for the future

Ahuwhenua – Manaakitia – Mana Motuhake – Manawanui – Aroha

Kamo Primary School

NAG 5 - Policy and Procedure Animal Welfare

Rationale

Kamo Primary School recognises that under the Animal Protection Act 1987, this Code of Ethical Conduct relates to the welfare and treatment of any animals under its care.

Purpose

- To ensure through example the proper care of living things within the school situation.
- To provide experiences for students to observe, handle and care for a range of animals in a humane way.
- To ensure that the care and welfare of animals must have the highest priority in any activity involving the keeping of an animal, or its study on a field trip or classroom experience.
- To educate students through example and discussion on the importance of animal care, welfare and the responsibilities involved.

Guidelines

Code of Ethics:

- 'Animal' is defined as any living creature with backbone, including land-based and aquatic mammals, birds, fish and reptiles.
- It is generally accepted that other living creatures such as spiders, snails, worms and insects must also be treated with care and kindness.
- If the appropriate care cannot be provided, the animal is not to be kept in school.
- Creatures kept in classrooms for observation must be housed and fed properly, and returned to their natural habitat on completion of the study.
- Creatures captured on field trips must be returned alive to their habitat prior to leaving the area.
- Responsibility for the welfare of animals rests with the teacher involved, but ultimately with the Principal and Board.

If the school wants to have a school pet they must seek approval from the Board of Trustees and provide full rationale and validations for this to happen.

At Kamo Primary School we will honour this Code of Ethical Conduct if an animal, bird or pet is onsite. This means we will:

- Seek permission from the Principal or Senior Leadership Team (SLT) that an animal can be brought onsite.
- Safety of the animal and safety of the students must be clarified with the person who is bringing the animal prior to it coming onsite.
- On arrival to Kamo Primary School, the person bringing the animal must sign in at the office. The also notifies the administration team that an animal is onsite.




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- Ensure the appropriate equipment is provided to support the animal. For example: a lead, a muzzle, a cage, water and food.
- Warn the students of the conditions they must provide for the safety of the animal. For example: not getting over excited, not touching the animal without permission, no yelling, etc. These conditions will arise from the consultation with the person bringing the animal prior to it coming onsite.
- Any student caught teasing, taunting or mistreating the animal will be asked to go to the Principal or SLT.
- Any staff member caught teasing, taunting or mistreating the animal will be interviewed and the appropriate next steps will be taken.
- On departure, the person with the animal must sign out at the office. This notifies the administration team the animal is safely off site.

Signed:  Principal

Signed:  BoT Staff Representative

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