



In the Setting

Pet Policy

I believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals, however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the children;

Children must be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly.

Children must wash their hands after any contact with animals and understand the reasoning behind this.

Children must be taught that not all animals are child friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.

Food for the pet must be stored safely away from the children's reach.

A high standard of hygiene must be followed, with careful thought given to the placing of the feeding and drink bowls of dogs and cats. Only water is left out – not food.

The garden must be checked every morning, before the children are permitted outside to play, to ensure that no animal has fouled it. Garden is continually checked throughout the day and cleaned accordingly.

I have the following pets in my setting:

1 fish called oreo

2 cats - Tim and Ava

2 dogs - Phoebea and Barney

Small children and those without prior contact with cats and dogs will be introduced to them according to guidelines in the attached "Childcare Professional" article. This has been carried out successfully with previous and existing children attending the setting.