



**Animal and Pet Policy**

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- complete a risk assessment before allowing any animal to be kept at the service, or pet to visit the service, and take appropriate actions to reduce the risk of harm
- ensure service pets are well cared for, and implement a staff roster to ensure any animal that requires care or feeding outside operating hours is cared for at the service or an employee's home

Educators and staff will ensure:

- children are closely supervised when interacting with animals or pets
- animals and pets at the service are fed and cared for appropriately eg cages cleaned daily
- animal or pets do not access food preparation areas, sandpit or where children play, eat, sleep or rest
- room tasks include feeding, cleaning and caring for the animal
- all adults and children wash their hands after handling animals or pets
- children's animal or pets are only brought into the Service if first approved by the Nominated Supervisor

pets accompanying families to the service are left at the gate.

Do you have any feedback or comments about this policy? Please include below.

Educator's Name	Educator's Signature