



## **Animal in the setting**

Children learn about the natural world, it's animals and other living creatures. This may include contact with animals other living creatures, either in the setting or on visits.

### Procedures

- We take into account the views of parents and children when selecting animals to keep in the setting.
- We take into account allergies of staff and children.
- We carry out risk assessments according to any hygiene or safety risks posed to the animals.
- We provide suitable housing for the animals and ensure they are cleaned regularly and kept safely.
- Staff are knowledgeable of the pet's welfare and dietary needs and ensure the correct feed is given and at the correct times.
- We teach the children the correct way to handle them and care for the animals and supervise the children at all times.
- We ensure the children wash their Hands after handling any animals.
- We wear rubber gloves while cleaning housing and soiled bedding.
- If animals are brought in to show the children they are the responsibility of the owners.
- Before any visit to a farm or similar, or a visit from a farm with animals, we will carry out a risk assessment.