

## D-6 Animals

### National Quality Standards (NQS)

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 2.2.1 | At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard. |
| 2.1.2 | Effective illness and injury management and hygiene practices are promoted and implemented.                       |

### Education and Care Services National Regulations

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Reg. 168A | Policies and procedures are required in relation to health and safety |
|-----------|---|

### My Time Our Place Learning Outcomes

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 2.4 | Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment |
|-----|---|

### Policy Statement

We believe that children should have the opportunity to interact with animals as they can play a significant role in their learning and development. We are committed to ensuring that both the children and the animals are safe during their interactions.

### Related Policies

- Hygiene
- Allergies
- Child Safe Environment
- Work Health & Safety

### Procedure

- Children will wash their hands:
  - Before coming in contact with animals
  - Immediately after touching animals
  - After leaving the animal enclosure
- Children will not eat in areas with animals
- Children will be supervised at all times they are with animals

## Sources

- Early Childhood Australia (ECA) Code of Ethics
- Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011
- Framework for School Age Care in Australia – My Time, Our Place
- National Quality Standard – Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority

Date Endorsed: 01/06/2022

Date of Review: 01/06/2024

| Version Control |  |              |                   |
|-----------------|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Version         | Changes Made   | Initiated By | Director Sign-off |
| v.2.202206      | - Updated MTOP   | Staff        |                   |
| v.2.202206      | - Modified wording throughout<br>- Updated links to NQS, National Regulations and MTOP<br>- Added related policies | Director     |                   |