



Animal "Visitors" in the Classroom as part of ING-AR: Animals in the Classroom or on School Property

Date: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Student Name (if applicable): _____

Owner / Animal Handler Name (if applicable): _____

Type of animal: _____

Purpose for visit: _____

Date of visit: _____ Time of visit: _____

Plan for student safety: _____

Plan for care of animal: _____

1. All requests to have animal visitors (for example: students or staff 'show and tell' animals) in the classroom or on school property must be submitted to the Principal or designee in writing, prior to the visit.
2. Included in the request should be a description of the activity, type of animal, educational purpose/benefit, length of activity, a plan for student safety, as well as a plan for the care of the animals. **Additionally, if applicable, the request should include verification that the animal is properly and currently licensed with the appropriate inoculations.** The Principal or designee has the discretion to permit or deny the presence of any animal in the school.
 please check if licensing and/or inoculations records are attached (if applicable)
3. Prior to approving the request, the Principal or designee shall determine whether **any** child has a health condition (such as allergies) that could be exacerbated by exposure to animals. Parents of the potentially affected student must be notified of the plans to have an animal in the classroom so that accommodations may be made for their student.
4. The Principal or designee shall consider requests by students or their parents and staff to have an animal present in the classroom for any length of time on a case-by-case basis. The Principal or designee may take into consideration the nature of the need for an animal, the extent to which the presence of an animal has been shown to increase a student's or staff member's ability to function in an educational environment, the extent to which an animal might create a disruption in the classroom environment, and the extent to which an animal might create health risks for other students or staff members in the classroom.

Length of time animals are allowed in classrooms

Animals will be permitted in classrooms for only a specified and appropriate educational purpose for the time necessary to achieve the educational goal. It is recognized that in some situations, the appropriate time may extend throughout the school year.

Staff Signature

Date

APPROVED DENIED

Principal Signature

Date