

CARE OF ANIMALS POLICY

This policy is informed by:

- Care of Animals Policy (*reviewed 2013*)
- Care and use of Animals in ACT schools
http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/191815/DET_Care_Use_Of_Animals_2010.pdf
- Education and Training Directorate (care and use of animal's policy)
http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/65640/Care_and_Use_of_Animals_policy_updated.pdf

Statement:

Canberra Montessori School ensures the proper treatment of school owned animals.

Rationale:

In accordance with ACT legislation, all animals are suitably cared for and used for observational and behavioural studies only.

Implementation:

All guidelines outlined in the ACT DET document, "The Care and Use of animals in ACT schools" must be followed at the Canberra Montessori School.

The essential principle for the presence of animals in schools is that activity should be limited to care, observation and behavioural studies. Animal experimentation beyond this is not appropriate either during or out of school hours. Directors are responsible for the care and welfare of the animals they use and this must be the highest priority in any activity involving animals. Appropriate arrangements must be made to ensure that animals are given proper care during the school holidays.

For the safety of all students, dogs (with the exception of service dogs) are not to be brought onto the school premises unless permission is given by the principal.

Approved by:	Date:	Next Review Date:
Principal	07/08/2020	07/08/2022