



## NAG 5 HEALTH & SAFETY

### ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

#### Rationale

The school recognizes its responsibility to monitor the inclusion of animals in any programme or school event.

“Animals” is an all-inclusive term which includes all living creatures.

#### Purpose

1. The School will provide a safe environment for animals
2. The School will provide opportunities for students to learn appropriate handling and care of pets.

#### Guidelines

1. No protected or endangered species will be used for any purpose.
2. Animals must be lawfully acquired. They must be maintained and used in strict compliance with all laws, regulations and local by-laws. This includes appropriate record-keeping.
3. Only healthy animals will be permitted at this School and the School must maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene.
4. Animals must be given an appropriate balance diet and have ready access to clean drinking water at all times that they are in the control and care of the School.
5. Animals must be kept in secure surroundings and reasonably protected from vandalism and cruelty.
6. No pain, distress or harm will be caused to any animal used by teachers and students at this School.
7. Students looking after animals must receive appropriate training for the tasks.
8. Appropriate arrangements must be made for the final disposal of animals.
9. Stray, sick or injured animals that are brought to the School should be handed over to the SPCA or a Veterinary Practitioner for appropriate treatment.
10. If dogs stray on to the School grounds and their owners cannot be located immediately the School will inform the Wilson Centre or call a Dog Ranger.

Ratified: BOT: *Chavay*

Principal: *S. J. Podd*

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