

St Thomas More Play and Learn Animals on Premises Policy

Animal Restrictions

1. Animals will be inaccessible to children with pet allergies. Before a child enters an area where animals have been, it must be cleaned and disinfected.
2. No aggressive or harmful animals will be allowed on the premises.
3. No animals are allowed:
 - Food preparation areas
 - Children's restrooms
 - Children's hand washing sinks.
4. No animal droppings from cages or containers can be:
 - Where any child eats, sleeps, or actively plays
 - In entrances or hallways.
5. Reptiles and amphibians are not allowed.
6. All cages/containers will be secured and must not be a falling hazard.
7. Any equipment needed for the animal will be inaccessible to the children and safe.
8. Animals must be located only where the environment can be cleaned and sanitized (example: no carpeted areas).
9. Local health jurisdiction requirements for the number of animals on the premises must be met.

Animals on our Premises (including visiting animals)

1. List of Animals on premises: fish
2. List of Animals that are allowed to visit: cats, dogs, rabbits
3. Common health risks associated with these animals: allergies to fur, dander
4. Animals are located in these areas (be specific, use floor plan if necessary):
 - Fish are located in the PK4 room
5. The staff assigned to the individual animal is responsible for the care and treatment of the animal at all times including disasters.
 - Names of staff responsible for the care and treatment of the animals: Jennifer Siira
 - Alternative staff: Nicole Daley, Deirdre Grieshaber
6. Plan to care for animals when our facility is closed:
 - Fish will be taken to the home of the PK4 Lead Teacher.

Care of Animals

1. Provide appropriate food and water.
2. Animal containers are cleaned and weekly or as often as needed (immediate cleaning and disinfecting if animal odors are evident).
3. Animals are not allowed to use the children's play areas inside or outside as a restroom.
4. All containers or cages will prevent debris from spilling out of the container or cage.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedure

Staff will either bring the animal to the utility area or place the animal in a temporary container. The area around the pets will be kept clean at all times and disinfected at least once a day and more often if necessary.

- Clean and disinfect the utility sink and counter.
- Wash hands and wear gloves.
- Any debris and waste will be discarded in a plastic bag, tied and placed in the garbage.
- Clean and disinfect the sink, faucet, and counter.
- Remove gloves and wash hands.
- Return pet to container.
- Wash hands.

Child-Animal Interaction

1. Children will have no direct contact with animals. Children will view the pets through aquarium.
 2. Upon occasion, children may have the opportunity to help feed the animal, with teacher present.
 3. Remember: Children and staff will wash their hands in the nearest hand-washing sink after handling animals or touching containers where the animal is located.
- Post handwashing sign near the animal container, etc.

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I, (Print Name) _____, have read and understand
St Thomas More Play and Learn's Animal on Premises Policy.

I agree with this policy; or

I have concerns about this policy and wish to speak to the director.

Signature

Date