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# ANIMAL ETHICS

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## POLICY

The School acknowledges that animals can enrich learning experiences for all students and that all animals must be treated with respect and care.

The School understands its obligation to conform to the guidelines as stipulated by the Schools Animal Ethics Committee of WA; the *Australian Code of Practice for Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes 1997*; the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1920*; and the *Animal Welfare Act 2002*.

## PROCEDURES

- The School will appoint an Animal Ethics Coordinator to make certain correct procedures are followed.
- Teachers planning to use animals of any description within the school environment must consult the Animal Ethics Coordinator for guidance.
- Teachers undertaking activities involving live animals are responsible for the welfare of these animals at all time along with any relevant Animal Health records that are required to be kept
- Teachers intending to use dead animals (or parts thereof) for scientific purposes must source these animal (or part thereof) from a reputable source, when in doubt seek the Animal Ethics Coordinators advice
- The school will submit at the end of every school year an annual report to the School Animal Ethics Committee via the correct channel
- Renewal of the schools animal licence from the Department of Agriculture will be upheld annually