

Section:	Students & Instruction	
Title:	Animals in Schools	3.3.1

Live animals at schools should provide a direct educationally or culturally valuable experience for students. The principal must approve all animals that are brought into the school.

Animals should be housed in suitable, sanitary self-contained enclosures appropriate to the size of the animals (as per the SPCA guidelines). Teachers will be responsible for ensuring enclosure and surrounding area is kept in a sanitary condition. Provision for animal care on weekends and holidays is the responsibility of the classroom teacher.

Animals shall not be allowed to roam freely in the school.

Prior to introducing any animals into the classroom, teachers shall ensure:

- students and school personnel are not allergic to their presence,
- the animals are free from disease or parasites,
- students are instructed in the proper care and handling of the animal.

Should, in the opinion of the principal, hygiene become a factor, approval shall be terminated.

[Use of School Sites \(Bylaw #3\) Policy #21](#) shall be in force at all times.

Stray animals on school property will be reported to the local animal control centre.

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Cross Reference: [Use of School Sites \(Bylaw #3\) Policy #21](#)