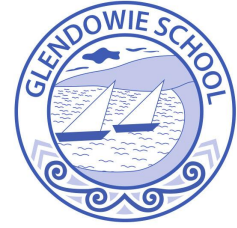


Glendowie School Policy

CARING FOR ANIMALS POLICY



RATIONALE

Glendowie School recognises its legal obligations to those species defined as "animals" under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (and reprinted 9/5/ 2021) and its moral responsibilities with regard to other invertebrate animals studied or kept in Glendowie Primary School.

PURPOSE


- To encourage, through example, the proper care of living things within the Glendowie School situation.
- To provide opportunities for students to observe, handle, and care for a range of animals in humane ways.
- To ensure that, in any activity involving the keeping of an animal or its study on a field trip, the welfare of the animal is given high priority.
- To educate children/students by example and discussion about the importance of caring for animals and the responsibilities this involves.

GUIDELINES

- The day-to-day care of all vertebrates, and some invertebrates, in the care of people teaching will be governed by the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- All living creatures at Glendowie School will be treated with care and respect.
- Responsibility for the welfare of animals in Glendowie School rests with the teacher involved and, ultimately, with the Principal and the Board of Trustees.
- Animals kept at Glendowie School will be provided with their five basic needs (sometimes expressed as the five freedoms).
 - Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition (including during weekends and holidays).
 - Freedom from discomfort and lack of shelter (by being provided with appropriate cages or containers that are properly ventilated and hygienic and do not allow exposure to extremes of noise, draughts, and sunlight).
 - Freedom from injury, disease, and parasite infestation (by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment). Diseased or injured animals will be treated promptly and will not be kept at Glendowie Primary School until they have recovered. If this is not feasible, they will be humanely destroyed.
 - Freedom from distress (through proper care and handling).
 - Freedom to display their normal patterns of behaviour.
- If appropriate care and facilities cannot be provided, animals will not be kept at Glendowie School.
- Animals kept at Glendowie School will be kept in accordance with the conditions relevant to the particular species, outlined in Section 3 of Caring for Animals, 1999. Species not covered by this section will not be kept.
- In the case of classroom pets, prior arrangements about long-term care (including holiday care) will be made before animals are kept at Glendowie School. When the animal is no longer required or is no longer able to be kept, appropriate arrangements

will be made to return it to its natural habitat (in the case of a wild animal) or to find a suitable home for it. Non-native classroom pets will not be released into the wild under any circumstances. If appropriate arrangements cannot be made, the animal will be humanely destroyed by a veterinarian.

- When animals are used for a specific study, the animals will be returned to their natural habitat or home within an appropriate time to ensure they survive.
- Animals captured on field trips will be returned to their habitat before students leave the area unless their proper care in Glendowie School has been pre-arranged.
- Native animals will not be kept at Glendowie School.
- No experimentation or manipulation will be done on animals, either dead or alive.
- Animals which require food or cause allergies or which may attract rodents will be discouraged. Teachers should check with syndicate leaders prior to bringing in animals to the classroom.

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