

ANIMAL ON PREMISES POLICY

Purpose

Entheos Academy promotes the wellness of students and staff by providing reasonable health and safety measures for students regarding animals within state law mandates and allowances.

Policy

- I. Dogs, cats, or other animals are allowed on school property only under the following circumstances:
 - A. Seeing eye dogs or other certified service animals
 - B. Animals used for school instructional (e.g. Guest speaker, Police Dog, etc) purposes may be allowed if adequately controlled, and not on premises for more than a few hours.
 - C. A single small animal in a contained habitat (e.g. cage) may be kept in a classroom, provided there is a staff member responsible for its care, and all parents have been notified of its presence and none have presented health care concerns regarding its presence. If a parent notifies any staff member of a health care concern to the animal's presence it will be removed from the premises, by the end of business the same day.
- II. Multiple small animals may be allowed by the school Director.
- III. Poisonous, dangerous or otherwise harmful plants or animals shall not be kept on the school premises unless it is in conjunction with a course curriculum.
 - A. Poisonous or toxic plants must be labeled with their scientific name, and a warning sign posted describing the health risks and first aid instructions for skin contact or ingestion.
 - B. A warning sign shall be posted on the confining area of animals which are likely to carry disease; the sign shall state the disease causing organisms the animal is likely to be infected with and precautions to people should take to avoid disease.