

## **HAPPY HEDGEHOGS LTD**

### **Health and Safety, suitability of premises, environment and equipment**

#### **6.5 Animals in the setting**

##### **Policy Statement**

Children learn about the natural world, its animals and other living creatures, as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. This may include contact with animals, or other living creatures, either in the setting or on outings. We aim to ensure that this is in accordance with sensible hygiene and safety controls.

##### **Procedures**

- If animals or creatures are brought in by visitors to show the children they are the responsibility of the owner.
- The owner carries out a risk assessment, detailing how the animal or creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.
- Children wash their hands after handling animals

##### *Visits to farms*

- Before a visit to a farm a risk assessment is carried out - this may take account of safety factors listed in the farm's own risk assessment which should be viewed.
- The outings procedure is followed.
- Children wash their hands after contact with animals.
- Outdoor footwear worn to visit farms are cleaned of mud and debris and should not be worn indoors.

##### **Legal framework**

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999  
[www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1999/19993242.htm](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/SI/si1999/19993242.htm)

## Further guidance

- *Health and Safety Regulation...a short guide* (HSE 2003)  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf)

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