

**Pet Risk Assessment and Code of Conduct Policy  
(Health 3.44, 3.46, Risk Assessment 3.64, 3.65)**

**Grafton Childcare** must promote the good health of children attending and must have a procedure, discussed with parents and/or carers, for responding to children who are ill or infectious, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action if children are ill. We must also ensure that we take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and children in our care are not exposed to risks and must be able to demonstrate how we are managing risks.

This policy sets out clear principles and guidelines on supporting health and risk assessment with specific reference to **Grafton Childcare's** Pets. It should be considered in line with our Health and Safety Policies, and other risk assessments which we may have identified and determined where it is helpful to make some written assessments in relation to specific issues, to inform staff practice, and to demonstrate how we are managing risks if asked by parents and or carers, other early years workers or inspectors. This policy supports the health, safety and suitability of premises, environment and equipment requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) 2014, Risk Assessment 3.44, 3.46, 3.64 & 3.65. This risk assessment has identified aspects of the environment that need to be checked on a regular basis, when and by whom those aspects will be checked, and how the risk will be removed and or minimised.

<b>Pets</b>					
<b>What are the hazards?</b>	<b>Who could this cause harm to and how?</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>What is already in place?</b>	<b>Identify any further action needed</b>	<b>Putting the assessment into action</b>
Immunisations not up to date	All - ill health		Our three smooth haired miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel von Biscuit, Strudel von Hund &amp; Schnitzel Von Krumm</b> are registered at Milestone Veterinary Centre, Unit 12, Swift Industrial Estate, Kingsteignton, TQ12 3SH	Maintain Immunisation schedule set by Vet	Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for maintaining
Food and water bowls and litter trays not kept clean and out of reach of children	Children - ill health, germs, unhygienic		<b>Pretzel's, Strudel's and Schnitzel's</b> food and water bowls are kept out of reach of children at all times, normally beside the washing machine or outside next to their Kennel. The <b>Canaries</b> and <b>Finches</b> food and water is kept in their outside Aviary which is double gated to prevent access by the children.		Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for maintaining food and hygiene protocols for the dogs and Phil Tupman, Cook & Caretaker will maintain the birds

Precautions not taken to control worms and fleas	All-unhygienic, ill health, blindness (Toxicara)		Our miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel, Strudel &amp; Schnitzel</b> are regularly wormed and treated for fleas as per the Immunisation Schedule set by Milestone Veterinary Centre.	Maintain Immunisation schedule set by Vet	Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for maintaining
Animal waste	All-unhygienic, ill health, blindness (Toxicara)		Our miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel, Strudel &amp; Schnitzel</b> have their own gated area to use for toileting during the day any animal waste is cleaned away frequently and not accessible to the children. The caged birds are regularly cleaned and maintained.	Animal waste is cleared away on an ongoing basis.  Any feathers and animal waste from the birds is cleared on an ongoing basis.	Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for the dogs and Phil Tupman, Cook & Caretaker for the birds
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Cages and enclosures not secure	Children - ill health, germs, unhygienic, animal or birds escaping		Our miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel, Strudel &amp; Schnitzel</b> are still young dogs and currently carrying out socialisation training. During the day they can be placed in their own gated compound outside when they are not in the direct care of Denise Tupman or a family member.		Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for maintaining
Animals who share the environment with children are not under control and well disciplined	Children - ill health, germs, unhygienic, animal or birds escaping, biting		Our miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel, Strudel &amp; Schnitzel</b> are still young dogs and currently carrying out socialisation training. During the day they can be placed in their own gated compound outside when not in the direct care of Denise Tupman or a family member.		Denise Tupman, Manager, and Philip Tupman is responsible for maintaining
Animal reacting badly to strangers	All - potential bites and emotional distress		Our miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel, Strudel &amp; Schnitzel</b> are still young dogs and currently carrying out socialisation training & are learning to tolerate people with beards! During the day they can be placed in their own gated compound outside when not in the direct care of Denise Tupman or a family member.		Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for maintaining

Pets allowed on tables and work surfaces	All - illness and spread of infection	Our miniature Dachshunds, <b>Pretzel, Strudel &amp; Schnitzel</b> are not permitted onto any tables or work surfaces. Unless for educational purposes during a teaching activity, afterwards all surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected with Milton Surface cleaner as per the manufacturer's instructions.	Denise Tupman, Manager, is responsible for maintaining
General lack of hygiene hand washing etc	All - infections	All staff and children are required to maintain effective hand washing routines at all times, after toileting, before meals, snacks, playing and petting <b>Pretzel, Strudel or Schnitzel</b> during any supervised activities.	Denise Tupman, Manager, and all Key Workers are jointly responsible for maintaining

### **Children's Code of Conduct around Animals/Dogs**

Before our miniature Dachshunds, **Pretzel von Biscuit, Strudel von Hund & Schnitzel Von Krumm** will be permitted to visit the children attending **Grafton Childcare** we will discuss with the children the general behavior that is acceptable around them and any other animals/dogs they may come into contact with in their community. To stay safe around animals/dogs you must do the following:

- Always ask the owner or handler before touching any animal.
- You must wash your hands after meeting the animal.
- Listen very carefully to what the owner or handler of the animal tells you.
- Animals may be frightened by sudden movements - so walk, don't run or jump around.
- Give the animal plenty of space so it doesn't feel scared.
- Be quiet and talk quietly when around animals.
- Only feed an animal if the owner or handler has told you that you may do so.

If children do not behave properly around the animal/dog, the owner or handler may have to remove the animal/dog. Children with a phobia of dogs will not be forced to meet the animal/dog and will have the choice of leaving the room if they wish. Parents should make **Grafton Childcare** aware of children with animal/dog phobias or allergies when they place their child at **Grafton Childcare**. This will be done via the 'Animals on Premises' page of our parental permissions forms. There must be at least two members of staff, or one member of staff and one parent to supervise the children at all times during the visit.