

**THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE**

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE:

SECTION/CODE:

Care of Animals in Schools

School Operations D – 15

APPROVAL DATE:

SUPERSEDES:

NUMBER OF PAGES:

REVIEW DATE:

June 12, 2017

May 14, 2012

Page 1 of 3

May 23, 2017

POLICY STATEMENT

It shall be the policy of the Protestant Separate School Board of the Town of Penetanguishene to permit the introduction of animals to the school for their educational value in achieving instructional objectives in the manner as outlined in the Administrative Regulations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. Activities involving the use of animals in the school may be carried out by students as an approved activity under the supervision of the teacher and with the permission of the Principal.
2. Proper care and living conditions of animals in the school shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of the *Animals for Research Act (Ontario) and Regulations* made thereunder.
3. No animals are to be kept in the school for purposes other than simple observation, handling and weighing.
4. The care of animals in the school shall be conducted in accordance with the Operating Procedures.
5. The classroom teacher shall communicate with parents about the introduction of a classroom pet.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. Information on the care, housing and procedures for individual species of animals may be obtained by writing for a copy of "Care of Experimental Animals, A Guide for Canada" to the Canadian Council on Animal Care, 190 O'Connor Street, Suite 800, Ottawa, Ontario.
2. Living Conditions
 - 2.1 General
 - a) Student health will not be negatively impacted by the presence of any animal species.
 - b) Species will be held for only a short period of time to satisfy an educational goal.

**THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE**

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE:

SECTION/CODE:

Care of Animals in Schools

School Operations D – 15

APPROVAL DATE:

SUPERSEDES:

NUMBER OF PAGES:

REVIEW DATE:

June 12, 2017

May 14, 2012

Page 2 of 3

May 23, 2017

- c) The teacher must become familiar with and provide for the optimum living conditions required by an animal before the animal is introduced to the school. The teacher and the Principal will be jointly responsible for ensuring that all conditions are fulfilled.
- d) Where applicable, animals must be up-to-date with all vaccinations.
- e) No species are to be left in the school over the weekend, unless they are self-contained.

OPERATING PROCEDURES (Continued)

2.2 Cages

Cages must: - be sanitary.

- be capable of being thoroughly and easily cleaned.

- be large enough to allow room for exercise.

- be designed to allow for a continuous supply of water and for a clean supply of food (not on the floor).

- be proof against escape of the species into the school.

3. Feeding:

- a) A regular schedule of feeding must be established to conform to the requirements of the animal concerned. This schedule must take account of weekends, holidays and other potential interruptions of schedule.

4. Cleaning:

4.2 A regular schedule of cleaning (not less frequent than once per week) must be established to conform to the requirements of the animal concerned. This schedule must take account of holidays and other potential long term Interruptions of the schedule.

4.3 Clean litter must be used and changed regularly.

**THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE**

POLICY MANUAL

POLICY TITLE:

SECTION/CODE:

Care of Animals in Schools

School Operations D – 15

APPROVAL DATE:

SUPERSEDES:

NUMBER OF PAGES:

REVIEW DATE:

June 12, 2017

May 14, 2012

Page 3 of 3

May 23, 2017

5. Location of Animals:

The animals must be located in a room in which the heat and ventilation are such that neither the animals nor human beings will suffer from over-heating, cold conditions or odour.

OPERATING PROCEDURES (Continued)

6. Disposal of Dead Animals:

Before animals are introduced to the school the teacher and Principal will ascertain from the local clerk of the municipality the by-laws and conditions relating to the disposal of the bodies of dead animals, should that occur this information will be shared with the Principal.

Provision will then be made by the teacher to abide by the regulation in the disposal of the animals that die in the school.

7. Wild Animals in the Classroom:

Wild animals are not permitted in the classroom.