

RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

PETS

KATH DICKSON FAMILY DAY CARE

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Educator Name:	Date:
Address:	Signature
Date reviewed	Signature:

RISK RATING MATRIX

CONSEQUENCE						
	INSIGNIFICANT	MINOR	MODERATE	MAJOR	CATASTROPHIC	
ALMOST CERTAIN	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme	
LIKELY	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme	
POSSIBLE	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	
UNLIKELY	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High	
RARE	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High	

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK RATING

A hazard is defined as anything that has potential to cause harm, injury, ill health etc. in some way.

A risk is defined as the actual chance that the hazard will cause harm.

Use the risk rating matrix overleaf to assess the risk's severity by finding the intersection of consequence and likelihood.

□ Safety	Rating:
□ Supervision	Rating:
□ Animals	Rating:
☐ Hygiene	Rating:
Environment	Rating:
Other hazards specific to the activity:	Rating:

RISK CONTROL MEASURES

Identify	which control measures you will apply to alleviate the relevant risks	
SAFETY		
	Ensure that pets are regularly examined by a veterinarian to confirm they are in good health, up-to-date with vaccinations,	
	and free from any transmittable diseases	
	Educate children, about appropriate behaviour around animals, including how to approach, handle, and respect them.	
	Teach children the importance of being gentle and respectful towards pets	
	Designate specific areas for pets that are inaccessible to children, ensuring the animals have their own safe space where	
	they can retreat when needed	
	Identify children with known pet allergies and take appropriate measures to minimize their exposure to potential allergens	
SUPERVISION		
	Children to stay within sight of the Educator at all times	
	Educator to be actively supervising and engaged in the activities with children	
	Educators to be responsible for the children at all times, no other adults to be left alone with children	
	Educators will position themselves to be able to view all children	
	Pets should be supervised when in contact with children. Assign a responsible adult to oversee interactions between	
	children and animals to prevent accidents or inappropriate behaviour.	
ANIMAI	S	
	Animal Friendly Environment Notice Displayed	
	Children to be supervised at all times and never left unsupervised with pets	
	Pets removed from environments during sleep and mealtimes	
	Washing hands after interactions with pets	
	Pets to remain outside of bathroom areas when children are using	

	Pets are to remain clean and vaccinated if engaging with children		
	Areas of the environment are cleaned if pets have a toileting accident while children are in care		
	Children encouraged to be calm and use gentle hands when interacting with pets		
	Pet foods, water bowls and kitty litter to be inaccessible to children		
	Pet toys will remain inaccessible to children		
	Children to be supervised at all times and never left unsupervised with pets		
	Pets will not have access to sleep and meal time areas		
	Communication with families about allergies to dogs/ cats and continued monitoring of all children to ensure no reactions		
HYGIENE			
	Washing hands after interactions with pets		
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	Pet foods, water bowls and kitty litter to be inaccessible to children		
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Other control measures specific to hazard:			

RISK BENEFITS

Identify how the children in your care will benefit from this activity and/or exposure to this risk:

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