

Bright Star Academy Pet/Animal Policy

Bright Star Academy does not allow any animal that is Venomous or Toxin-producing (ex:spiders, insects and reptiles) Bright Star prohibits reptiles and amphibians.

Any animal kept at school will be carefully selected considering their size, care needs, tempering, health risks and appropriateness for children.

All animals will be cared for properly including feeding, exercise, interaction with them and cleaning or bedding or living area.

Staff will be assigned duties of care for the animals. Children will always be supervised if handling the animals. Children will always wash their hands with soap and water after handling the animals. Children will not clean the animal's living area or have access to any animal waste. Animals will not be kept near the food preparation area. No animal with a risk of carrying parasites, bacteria or similar are allowed on the premises. A risk assessment will be carried out for any animal. Parents and NYSOCFS will be notified in writing of any animal joining the school. Bright Star Academy will provide parents with a written description of all animals kept on the premises prior to a child's enrollment in the program.

If a child has an allergy to the animal, this will be accommodated for on an individual basis.

All animals will have no evidence of disease or parasite and pose no threat. All animals medical vaccines/records will be kept on premises.

Bright Star Academy will notify the parents of children in care and the Office when an animal kept on the premises harms any person, including a child in care.

Each animal will have its' own name.

These provisions will apply to all animals present at the program regardless of who owns the animal.

Any person dropping or picking children up from the school will be prohibited from carrying an animal/pet. This includes small animals is pet carriers.