

ROTORUA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL AND ANIMAL ETHICS

Rationale:

That all living animals brought onto the school grounds will be treated with care and respect.

Guidelines:

1. The Board of Trustees permits animals at school for the following purposes:
 - (a) The observance of behaviour, movement and locomotion.
 - (b) The observance of body structure and function.
 - (c) Investigating diet preferences.
 - (d) For regular weighing to observe a growth curve.
 - (e) For the use of animal care and handling techniques.
2. Any animal brought to school must be cared for with the provision of adequate food, shelter and protection, with special attention given to its specific needs.
3. No animal is to remain in the classroom after school hours except where adequate provision is made for its needs.
4. Thought will be given to the types of activities that students carry out, and the methods used, to ensure that no distress is caused to any animal. Activities that inflict cruelty or harm are not acceptable.

Conclusion:

That the treatment of all animals brought onto school grounds will be in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999, and any regulations under that Act.

The School will have a set of management procedures that will facilitate compliance with legislation and regulations.

Effectiveness Review:

The review process involved gathering information for making judgments about the extent to which objectives have been achieved, then deciding any further action needed to the revealed successes and weaknesses.

1. *Identify who will be responsible for leading the review, and those to be involved*
2. *Decide a timeframe for the review*
3. *Gather and consider information related to the policy objectives*
4. *Make judgments about achievement and effectiveness of the objectives*
5. *Recommend future actions*
6. *Report*

Reviewed: July 2010

Next Review: July 2011

Approved: Chairperson Board of Trustees: _____

Date: _____