

SECTION 526 USE OF ANIMALS IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Animals can provide a variety of productive learning experiences for students at almost every level. It is important, however, that the following guidelines be observed when instituting an activity or program involving the use of animals. Teachers are encouraged to contact such organizations as the Wisconsin Veterinary Association, the National Wildlife Federation, etc. regarding resource materials and suggested learning activities that may be available to help students increase their understanding of the animal world.

Teachers and students are to be instructed not to bring personal pets to school at any time without approval of the principal.

It is permissible for the class to have one or more animals as classroom pets under the following conditions:

- A. the animal is not venomous or vicious
- B. no one is allergic to the particular animals
- C. proper examination/immunization has been done by a qualified veterinarian
arrangements have been made for housing the animal safely, comfortably,
cleanly, and in a manner that does not disrupt the classroom environment.
- D. Arrangements have been made for the proper care of the animal when school is
not in session
- E. Rules have been established and understood regarding when and how the
animal is to be treated by the students

When animals are to be brought into the school or classroom on an ad hoc basis as part of a lesson or series of lessons, all of the conditions stated above apply, and in addition, the teacher is to ensure the proper pick-up and return of the animal.

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