

## PET POLICY

Animals living in the childminder's home: Cody (German Shepherd puppy), Goldfish

I believe that children can learn much from having contact with animals; however certain procedures will be followed to ensure the safety of the children:

- Children will be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly.
- Children will wash their hands after any contact with animals and learn to understand the reasoning behind this.
- Children will be taught that not all animals are child friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.
- A high standard of hygiene must be followed, with careful thought given to the placing of the feeding and drink bowls. Pet food will be stored safely away from the children's reach.
- Our dog will be exercised regularly and we hope this will help to minimise fouling on the premises. Faeces will be cleared promptly and the garden will be checked before children are permitted to play there.
- Children will be allowed to play with Cody, under supervision, if they wish to do so.
- Children will never be left unattended with Cody.

*As always, if you have any concerns or questions about this policy, please discuss them with me.*