01 Health and safety procedures

**01.18 Animals and pets**

* Staff will be aware of any allergies or issues individual children may have with any animals/creatures.
* A risk assessment is conducted and considers any hygiene and safety risks posed by the animal or creature visiting the setting.
* Children wash their hands after handling the animal/creature and do not have contact with animal faeces, or soiled bedding.

**Animals bought in by visitors**

* The owner of the animal/creature maintains responsibility for it in the setting.
* The owner carries out a risk assessment detailing how the animal/creature is to be handled and how any safety or hygiene issues will be addressed.

**Further guidance**

[Good Practice in Early Years Infection Control](https://portal.eyalliance.org.uk/Shop#!prod/43aaf2a6-7364-ea11-a811-000d3a0bad7c/curr/GBP) (Alliance 2009)