

# World Learner School



*Policy:* **402 ANIMALS IN SCHOOL POLICY**

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## *I. Purpose:*

World Learner School welcomes animals to school to allow for discovery of and exploration of various characteristics of the animal kingdom. In addition, World Learner School understands that child development can be enhanced with the companionship of animals in the educational environment. Due to the unpredictable nature of animals and the tendencies of young children, however, this policy provides guidelines for ensuring a safe cohabitation between humans and animals at WLS.

## *II. General Statement of Policy:*

All animals are responsibility of owners, including ‘classroom pets’, which are actually on loan to classroom from teacher-owner. Any damage or injury occurring on school property will be the responsibility of the owner and WLS reserves the right to prohibit animal from returning to school. Owners must provide Certificate of Insurance stating WLS as Additional Insured to administration for dogs. Any dog featured on the MN Dangerous Dog Registry will not be allowed at WLS. All dogs must be kept on a leash and in the vicinity of the owner at all times. Any animal thought to be the source of an allergic reaction to student or staff must be removed immediately from the educational environment. Long term removal will be on a case by case basis in consultation with classroom staff, administration and parent.

## REFERENCES

Minn. Stat. Section 347.50 (Dangerous Dogs)

Minn. Stat. Section 347.51 (Registration: Dangerous Dogs)