



# Little Feet Childcare Centre Limited

*"we care for your child"*

## **Animal in The Centre Premises Policy (HS16)**

### **Rationale**

Little Feet Childcare Centre aims to ensure that animals at our service do not pose a health and safety risk to our children, staff's, parents, and Whanau.

**Licensing Criteria: HS16 states** *"safe and hygienic handling practices are implemented with regards to any animal at this service. All animals should be restrained."*

### **Guidelines for Managing Animals at our premises:**

While Little Feet Childcare Centre recognises the positive aspects of interaction between animals and children, it must also be acknowledged that animals may harbour diseases. In order reduce health risks from animals in our Centre, the following are recommended:

- All animals should be able to be restrained.
- Where dogs are brought at pick-up and drop-off should be tied away from the area where children are passing.
- Animals will not be allowed inside the building at any time.
- Children will always be under adult supervision when interacting with animals.
- Any animal faecal matter and offensive body wastes must be cleaned up and disposed of immediately and the area disinfected.
- Staffs will ensure that children and adults who have had contact with any animal wash their hands immediately after contact with that animal and prior to eating or drinking.