

01 Health and safety procedures

**01.18 Animals and pets**

**We have pet fish ‘Squeak’ no other pets would be considered.**

* Views of parents and children are considered when selecting a pet for the setting.
* A risk assessment is conducted and considers any hygiene and safety risks posed by the animal or creature.
* Suitable housing for the animal is provided and is regularly cleaned and maintained.
* The correct food is offered at the right times and staff are knowledgeable of the pet’s welfare and dietary needs.
* Arrangements are made for weekend and holiday care for the animal/creature.

**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)

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