

# Greenbank Pre School

## Pets Policy



### **Greenbank Pre School**

Edinburgh Greenbank Parish Church of Scotland  
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Charity No SCO11325*

## **Pets Policy**

The preschool recognises the educational advantages of children being involved with the care of pets. Closeness to a pet gives the children opportunities for caring and understanding the need for meeting an animal's daily needs. It allows them to see an animal grow and thrive and ultimately to cope with the possible death of that animal.

The preschool is however concerned about the health and safety aspects of keeping animals especially in relation to allergies from both fur and foodstuffs.

For the above reasons it was decided that only fish should be kept in the preschool.

The following safety procedures must be adhered to

1. The fish should always be kept in a covered fish tank that allows adequate space for the fish to swim
2. The cleaning out of the tank will be done without direct child input although the importance of doing so will be discussed with the children
3. The children will be taught about the feeding needs and will be encouraged, under adult supervision to take turns to feed the fish- this will be done using a teaspoon to eliminate the risk of children touching a substance to which they might be allergic.

Arrangements will be put in place each term to care for the fish during holiday periods.

All staff and committee members will have a working knowledge of this policy.

Date of review

Name