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### Visiting Animals and Pets on Premises

We believe that animals on the school campus greatly improve the overall quality of the educational experience here at Nature Preschool of Baltimore. There are many documented positive effects children experience from the handling, care and observation of living creatures. All animals will be treated and cared for in a manner consistent with the school mission and vision. We will follow the highest ethical practices for all living organisms.

Teachers will educate themselves about the safe and responsible use of animals in the classroom. The faculty will closely monitor all interactions between the children and the animals. No animals will be introduced to the school if there is any perceived possibility of aggression on the part of the animal. There will be no venomous animals included in the educational program.

#### Reasons for the Removal of the Animal from School:

**Injury:** any animal that causes injury to staff or students must be immediately isolated and removed from the school premises until the situation is resolved. An Injury Report will be completed and the appropriate medical care will be administered. Parents will be contacted immediately.

**Health Issue:** If a student or staff member has an allergic reaction or other health problem due to the presence of an animal, the animal must be immediately removed from the classroom of the affected individual until the situation is resolved.

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I understand there are animals on the premises of Nature Preschool of Baltimore. I give permission for my child,  
\_\_\_\_\_ to observe and handle the animals on the campus of Nature Preschool of  
Baltimore.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent      \_\_\_\_\_ Date