

<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Dogs (reading/therapy)</b>			<b>Location(s):</b>	Distington Community School
<b>Assessor:</b>	Cheryl Sanderson	<b>Ref No.:</b>		<b>Distribution:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	June 2021	<b>Proposed Review Date:</b>	June 2022	<b>Signed:</b>	<i>C. Sanderson</i>

Hazard	Risk	Individuals at risk	Risk Rating	Control Measures What are we doing now?	Notes/Additional Control Measures What more do we need to explain/do?	Residual Risk
Zoonosis (incl. parasites e.g. Lyme/Weil's/ Hydatid disease, rabies, ringworm, diphtheria, pasteurellosis, toxocariasis, tapeworms)	Infection, contaminated environment (fleas etc.) & ill-health	Anyone in contact with the dog or a contaminated environment		<input type="checkbox"/> The dog will live with its owner when not on site. <input type="checkbox"/> The dog will have adequate health insurance and all necessary vaccinations before being introduced on-site. <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccinations and other health or medical treatments will remain the responsibility of the owner. <input type="checkbox"/> The dog will be kept free of fleas, ticks, worm and other parasites and will have regular veterinary check-ups. <input type="checkbox"/> The dog will be bathed regularly. <input type="checkbox"/> The dog will not be permitted to access kitchen or food preparation areas & should not be in dining halls at food service times.		Low
Dog excrement and urine	Infection & ill-health, slips and falls	Anyone nearby a toileting dog & the person clearing it up		<input type="checkbox"/> The owner has confirmed that the dog is toilet trained and how it makes their needs understood by humans. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrangements will be in place to exercise the dog for toileting & this will be off-site or away from areas children frequent. <input type="checkbox"/> There will be a toileting pack available and a procedure to ensure more is ordered as necessary (suitable bags, scoop or similar device if desired, disposable gloves & dry or wet wipes). <input type="checkbox"/> Accidental toileting indoors will be cleaned up immediately and the area disinfected in accordance with the Waste Management risk assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Any soiled bedding will be double-bagged and disposed of in the general waste outside the building. <input type="checkbox"/> Dog waste will be picked up using appropriate equipment during planned toileting outdoors and disposed of appropriately. <input type="checkbox"/> Anyone who has picked up dog waste will wash their hands with soap & water immediately that it becomes available. <input type="checkbox"/> Children are not permitted to take the dog off-site without a supervising adult.		Low
Walking the dog	Attack, musculo-skeletal or other injury from poor control	Anyone walking the dog and others nearby		<input type="checkbox"/> The dog's exercise regime for health & wellbeing will remain the responsibility of the owner. <input type="checkbox"/> The dog's temperament and training makes it easy to control (near small children, traffic, other animals) <input type="checkbox"/> Only people able to demonstrate control of the dog will be permitted to walk it unless in a completely enclosed environment away from any hazards. <input type="checkbox"/> Handlers will be briefed on walking techniques, especially use of commands and avoiding upper body injury from poor control.		Low

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Poor hygiene or infection control	Infection, contaminated environment (fleas etc.) & ill-health	Anyone in contact with the dog or a contaminated environment		<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs will be touched only as permitted, never to a person's face and only when adequately supervised. <input type="checkbox"/> Pacifiers, comfort objects, thumb/finger sucking, nail biting, nose picking etc. will be monitored and bad hygiene habits discouraged. <input type="checkbox"/> Broken skin will be covered with a waterproof dressing and disinfected immediately if it does come into direct contact with a source of infection. <input type="checkbox"/> Briefings will include the importance of hand hygiene (soap, water & disposable towels or anti-bacterial wipes – never hand gel alone) and anyone who doesn't understand will be closely supervised. <input type="checkbox"/> Hands will be thoroughly washed (correct technique & adequately supervised) after touching animals and before eating and drinking. <input type="checkbox"/> Hand washing will be performed in this priority order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. with soap under warm running water then dried with hand dryers or disposable towels,</li> <li>2. with soap under cold running water then dried as above,</li> <li>3. rinsed under cold running water only then dried as above,</li> <li>4. wiped with wet wipes then dried as above (antibacterial is optional),</li> <li>5. with antibacterial hand sanitiser alone.</li> </ol> <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitiser will only be made available where running water or wipes are not available or practical and users will be reminded it has no effect on parasites. <input type="checkbox"/> Any dog foodstuffs will be appropriately stored to prevent contamination of the food or ingress of pests.		Low
Bites, cuts and scratches spreading zoonosis or infection	Injury, infection, contaminated environment (fleas etc.) & ill-health	Handlers and anyone nearby incl. visitors		<input type="checkbox"/> Dogs used will be known to have a friendly & tolerant temperament <input type="checkbox"/> There will be no unsupervised contact with children <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision of the dog will be close when around people and their behaviour kept under control <input type="checkbox"/> Briefings will include being a responsible pet owner or companion and handling procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Anyone meeting or handling the dog will be advised to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o remain calm when around the dog,</li> <li>o make NO sudden movements,</li> <li>o not stare into a dog's eyes (they might feel threatened),</li> <li>o keep their face away from the dog, especially the dog's mouth,</li> <li>o approach the dog standing up,</li> <li>o never disturb a dog that is sleeping or eating,</li> <li>o eat away from the dog and never feed the dog their food or other food/treats without permission</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisors are to ensure the dog is not abused or over-petted to avoid incidents. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrangements will be in place to remove the dog/people from a situation if necessary e.g. somewhere else safe for them to be.		Low

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Allergic reaction to dogs	Hives, anaphylaxis or other ill-health	Person with an allergy incl. visitors		<input type="checkbox"/> Steps will be taken before choosing a dog to establish whether workers or children have a relevant and severe allergy. If so, a low or non-moulting breed will be selected. <input type="checkbox"/> Parents will be informed via the website and via a letter and/or Class Dojo that there will be a dog on site and that they should provide information if their child has an allergy. <input type="checkbox"/> The activities of the dog or severely allergic person will be restricted whichever is more appropriate to the risks and arrangements. <input type="checkbox"/> Dog beds, covers, material toys etc. will be laundered regularly at 60°C or hotter if possible to keep down hair and eliminate pests. <input type="checkbox"/> Areas where the dog is kept or worked with will be well ventilated. <input type="checkbox"/> The Individual Healthcare Plan (IHCP) of a severely allergic child will include specific instruction regarding the dog. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors will be informed on arrival that there is a dog on the premises		Low		
Noise, barking	Anxiety, violent outburst, absconding	People intolerant of noise		<input type="checkbox"/> The dog's temperament will make them a low risk for creating noise. <input type="checkbox"/> Children will not be left unsupervised with the dog. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrangements will be in place to remove the dog from a situation if necessary e.g. somewhere else safe for them to be.		Low		
Fire drill and evacuation	Poor reaction of animal to alarm, left behind	The dog & any handlers		<input type="checkbox"/> A fire alarm test will be carried out while the dog is present but outside of normal operating hours to test their reaction. <input type="checkbox"/> The adult supervising dog handling will be responsible for evacuating the dog and children safely. <input type="checkbox"/> At least one fire drill per year will be timed to involve the dog.		Low		
<b>Further Action Required</b>					<b>Date Action Completed</b>	<b>Date RA Reviewed</b>	<b>Significant Changes Y/N</b>	<b>Shared with Staff Date or N/A</b>
This risk assessment must be read and followed in conjunction with any other applicable risk assessments.								