

Risk Assessment

Area/Activity Assessed	Risk Assessment – School Dog	Date	9 th November 2021
Assessment Completed By	Karen Walsh	Person(s) Consulted	Mr R Miller

Persons Exposed	Employees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Young Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Expectant Mother <input type="checkbox"/>	Visitors and/or Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trespassers <input type="checkbox"/>
Frequency of Exposure	Continually <input type="checkbox"/>	Hourly <input type="checkbox"/>	Daily <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly <input type="checkbox"/>	Yearly <input type="checkbox"/>
Duration of Exposure	Less than 1hr <input type="checkbox"/>	1-2 hrs <input type="checkbox"/>	3-4 hrs <input type="checkbox"/>	5-6 hrs <input type="checkbox"/>	7-8 hrs <input type="checkbox"/>	More than 8 hrs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Probability - (5=Very Likely, 4= Likely, 3= Quite Possible, 2= Possible, 1= Unlikely)
 Severity - (5=Catastrophic, 4=Major, 3=Moderate, 2=Minor, 1=Insignificant)

0-8 - Low risk No Action Required.
 9-15 - Medium risk Ensure adequate controls are in use.
 16-25 - High Risk Stop operation and implement adequate control measures

No	Hazard	Initial			Existing Control Measures	Residual			Additional Controls
		Severity	Probability	Risk		Severity	Probability	Risk	
1	Animals that are not clean or carry disease/fleas etc.	3	2	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons who come into contact with the school dog will wash their hands thoroughly with warm water and soap after the session. Pupils are encouraged not to put their hands in their mouths / to their eyes etc. after touching the school dog The school dog is regularly washed / cleaned by its owner and has regular checks by a suitably qualified vet. Eating or drinking is not allowed when around the school dog. This is explained to all pupils. 	3	1	3	
2	Allergy to certain animals	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons with known allergies to dogs are exempt from handling or getting exposed for long periods to the school dog. Disposable gloves or other personal protective equipment can be provided and worn by the person if required. Parents are informed that the school dog is part of the school environment. 	4	2	8	

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3	Animals in school	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure hands are washed before and after handling. Ensure the school dog's bed is cleaned and washed/disinfected regularly. Prevent contact between the school dog's food and wild animals to avoid disease transmission. Carefully wash all scratches or bites. If in any doubt about infection seek medical advice. The school dog should not be in school when conducting a fire drill. 	3	2	6	
4	Animal fouling	3	2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is confirmed by the dog's owner that the school dog is "house trained". A "spillage kit" with suitable cleaning and disinfectant materials should an "accident" occur whilst at the school is available. A designated area is identified outside for the school dog. 	3	1	3	
5	Pupil behaviour	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils are informed of the correct behaviour (e.g. noise levels, not to "poke" or tease the school dog, etc.). Pupils ignoring the rules will be removed from the session/classroom Pupils are supervised at all times when the school dog is present. Pupils are taught how to properly interact with the school dog. The school dog is comfortable in the school environment. 	3	1	3	
6	Animal refuge place	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A quiet area is established, pupils are informed that the school dog is not to be disturbed whilst in its refuge place. The refuge place is secure to prevent unauthorised access 	3	1	3	

ACTION ARISING FROM RISK ASSESSMENT					
No	Risk Rating	Action Required:	Person (s) Responsible	Target Date	Date Completed

Acknowledgement

The following members of staff have read this risk assessment.
Their signatures are confirmation that they have read and understood all of that which is within its contents.

Name	Signature	Date	Name	Signature	Date