

Jexys Juniors

Ofsted Registered Childminding Service

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Pet Policy

Animals living in the childminders home: Phoebe (Golden Retriever puppy), Gizmo (Ragdoll cat)

I believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals, however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the children;

- Children must be encouraged to treat all animals with respect, learning how to handle them correctly.
- Children must wash their hands after any contact with animals and understand the reasoning behind this.
- Children must be taught that not all animals are child friendly and that they should always check with the animal's owner before attempting to stroke or handle them.
- Food for the pet must be stored safely away from the children's reach
- A high standard of hygiene must be followed, with careful thought given to the placing of the feeding and drink bowls of dogs and cats.
- The garden must be thoroughly checked before the children are permitted outside to play, to ensure that no animal has fouled it.
- Our dog will be exercised regularly and we hope this will help to minimise fouling on the premises. Faeces will be cleared promptly and the garden will be checked before children are permitted to play there.
- Children will be allowed to play with Phoebe, under supervision, if they wish to do so.
- Children will never be left unattended with Phoebe.
- Children will be taught to respect Phoebe's wishes and if she is in her safe place (crate or play pen) she must be left alone and not disturbed.