



# ENTHEOS ACADEMY

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## ANIMAL ON PREMISES POLICY

### **Purpose**

Entheos Academy promotes the wellness of students and staff by providing reasonable health and safety measures for students regarding animals, in accordance with state law mandates and allowances.

### **Policy**

- I. Dogs, cats, or other animals are allowed on school property only under the following circumstances:
  - A. Seeing-eye dogs or other certified service animals
  - B. Animals used for school instructional purposes (e.g., guest speakers, police dogs) may be allowed if adequately controlled and not on the premises for more than a few hours.
  - C. A single small animal in a contained habitat (e.g., a cage) may be kept in a classroom, provided there is a staff member responsible for its care. All parents have been notified of its presence, and none have presented healthcare concerns regarding its presence. If a parent notifies the school director of a valid health care concern, the concern will be immediately reviewed, and appropriate action will be taken, including removal of animal if necessary.
- II. Multiple small animals may be allowed by the school Director.
- III. Poisonous, dangerous, or otherwise harmful plants or animals shall not be kept on the school premises unless it is in conjunction with a course curriculum.
  - A. Poisonous or toxic plants must be labeled with their scientific names, and a warning sign must be posted that describes the health risks and provides first aid instructions for skin contact or ingestion.
  - B. A warning sign shall be posted on the confining area of animals which are likely to carry disease; the sign shall state the disease-causing organisms the animal is likely to be infected with and the precautions that should be taken.