

## **Little Feet Pet Policy**

We recognise the many benefits of children having contact with animals; however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the children.

- Children will be encouraged to treat 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 will 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 dog must be stored safely away from the children's reach.
- A high standard of hygiene will be followed. The floor in the kitchen will be steam mopped everyday and surfaces wiped down throughout the day.
- The dogs bowl will be kept inside the dog crate and the dog will be fed outside of childminding hours where possible.
- The garden must be checked every morning, before the children are permitted outside to play, to ensure that no animal faeces are in it.
- We may be unable to offer childcare to any children with severe dog allergies.
- If your child has a fear of any animal, including dogs, please let us know so we can be sensitive to this if we are near the animal and put procedures in place.

**Written by-**

**Signed-**

**Date written-**

**Review date-**