ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

The Yolo County Governing Board recognizes that animals can contribute to the County Office's instructional program by being effective teaching aids to students and by assisting individuals with disabilities to access County Office programs and activities. In addition, instruction related to the care and treatment of animals teaches students a sense of responsibility and promotes the humane treatment of living creatures.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6142.4 - Service Learning/Community Service Classes)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

The Yolo County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop rules and procedures to ensure that when animals are brought to school, the health, safety, and welfare of students, staff, and the animals are protected. However, the County Office assumes no liability for the safety of animals allowed on County Office property.

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)
(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
233.5 Instruction in kindness to pets and humane treatment of living creatures
39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety
51540 Safe and humane treatment of animals at school
CIVIL CODE
54.1 Access to public places
54.2 Guide, signal, or service dogs, right to accompany
GOVERNMENT CODE
810-996.6 California Tort Claims Act, especially:
815 Liability for injuries generally; immunity of public entity
835 Conditions of liability
VEHICLE CODE
21113 Public grounds
ANIMALS AT SCHOOL (continued)

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13
  1216  Transportation of property
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
  1400-1482  Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29
  794  Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
  35.104  Definitions
  35.136  Service animals
COURT DECISIONS

Management Resources:
FEDERAL REGISTER
Rules and Regulations, September 15, 2010, Vol. 75, Number 178, pages 56164-56236
CSBA PUBLICATIONS
Indoor Air Quality: Governing Board Actions for Creating Healthy School Environments, Policy Brief, July 2008
Asthma Management in the Schools, Policy Brief, March 2008
WEB SITES:
  CSBA:  http://www.csba.org
  Humane Society of the United States:  http://www.hsus.org
  U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr

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