



## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

### POLICY 3800 Animals in the Classroom

*"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,  
Involve community"*

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Section Health and Safety

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#### **Policy:**

The School district No. 64 Board of Education recognises and fully supports both the use of service animals in district facilities and on district grounds, and the value of animals as learning aids in classrooms. The board directs that school principals will ensure that, when animals are introduced into school programs for educational purposes:

- a. the move to do so is based upon informed, humane decisions consistent with guidelines established by the BC SPCA
- b. any associated health and safety considerations (for example, allergies and phobias) will be recognised and addressed
- c. animals will be housed, fed, and otherwise cared for in a manner that addresses the needs of the animal, the needs of the school, and the needs of the particular program into which it is introduced
- d. animals will be properly provided for when school is not in session;

The board further directs that should animals be present in classrooms for other than educational purposes or reasons, this will be done only with the principal's approval, in a manner consistent with points a-d above.

#### **Reference:**

- Procedure 3800
- The BC SPCA position on animals in education. <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/kids-teens/teacher/classroom-animals/> and <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/assets/documents/welfare/position-statements/classroom-pets.pdf>