

**Name of School :- Pontypridd High School**

**RISK ASSESSMENT FOR :** Nellie, Percy and Ted – School Dog Mentors

**DATE: 21/09/23**

**PARTIES INVOLVED IN DEVLEOPMENT OF RISK ASSESSMENT  
AND CONTACT DETAILS**

M Thomas – Executive Headteacher

K Oliver – Head of School

Chris Evans – Site manager

K Pritchard – Alternative Curriculum lead – dog owner

A Thomas – SEBD1 lead – dog owner

Jenny Duckworth – Dog Mentor

ACTIVITY	HAZARD	ACTION
Greeting the dogs appropriately and interaction with her.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People must ask to stroke the dogs before they approach them.</li><li>• Only regulated pupils should spend time with the dog's.</li><li>• No running towards the dog's.</li><li>• People must approach the dog's by getting low to the ground – “slow and low hands”.</li><li>• If the dog's shows any signs of being uncomfortable or distressed, apply the 2-metre rule.</li><li>• If the dog's starts 'backing up' and trying to get away – end the session completely and return her to safe space (KP/AT office). The supervising adult to ensure that the dog is not over-petted to avoid any incidents. If the dogs appear anxious over- stimulated, they are to be removed to peaceful surroundings.</li><li>• No shouting around the dog's.</li><li>• All pupils (regardless of year) to be well supervised when with the animal</li></ul>
Managing the dog's location around the school		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The dogs must have a 2 x 45-minute break when in school for a full day. This needs to be in their safe space (KP office/AT classroom) where there is access to water and she can be off lead.</li><li>• Do not allow the dog's off lead in any other area that is not their safe space.</li></ul>
Safeguarding the dogs.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No eating directly around them.</li><li>• Must be signed in at reception (as per fire procedures).</li><li>• Do not allow them in areas where lots of food is consumed and could be on the floor e.g. hall and byte zone</li><li>• Try to prevent pupils shouting their names repeatedly. This can lead to the dogs not recognise their own name as it will have been overused.</li><li>• Make the areas as safe as possible by looking for visible hazards e.g. blue tac (can lead to digestion problems) and pins/staples with paws.</li></ul>
Health and Safety of pupils/		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pupils with pet allergies to have no interaction with the dog's.</li><li>• Up to date record kept of all pupils (1) and staff (4) with allergies to pet hair.</li></ul>

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members of staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children &amp; staff that are known to have phobias to the animal will have restricted access.</li><li>• The dog's to have all necessary vaccinations before being allowed into school, a copy of the animal's vaccination card to be kept on file in the site office. The dog's is registered with a vet and all details are available on school file.</li><li>• The dog's to be bathed monthly as per veterinary recommendations using a recommended flea &amp; tick shampoo.</li><li>• The dog's to be wormed regularly, at least 4 times per year and all treatments recorded and a copy kept in the site office</li></ul>
Ethical considerations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The school has to be mindful with the animal when dealing with both Muslim and Islamic faiths.</li></ul>
Hygiene		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always make sure that any open wounds are covered when in contact with the dog.</li><li>• All staff and pupils to ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly after contact with the dog,</li></ul>

REVIEW DATE	PARTIES INVOLVED IN REVIEW