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1.0 PURPOSE

Dogs are an important part of life for many Streeton Primary School families, and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an education experience. The school acknowledges other people can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening. To ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the Streeton Primary School community below are the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds.

2.0 ACTION

A. Pet Dogs

- 1 Streeton Primary School is not a public place, and our principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry as follows:-
 - all dogs must be on a lead at all times and in the control of a responsible adult
 - dogs must not be taken inside the perimeter fence of school grounds
 - dogs may be tied to the fence in the following areas:
 - Along the oval
 - At the front sign at 2 metre intervals
 - when bringing dogs to school, parents and carers do so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no behavioural issues around other people or dogs, has never displayed any aggression towards children, and that the owner believes the dog is fully trust worthy in a school environment.
 - Dog owners must remove and dispose of dog excrement
- 3 This policy clarifies that dogs will not be allowed in classrooms or any other school building unless on a pre-arranged visit.
- 4 The principal has the authority to prohibit certain dogs from school grounds or modify this policy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff, students and members of our school community at any time.

B. Assistance Dogs

- 1 Streeton Primary School understands its obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cwlth) and the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic) and will make reasonable adjustments for members of our school community with a disability who require an 'assistance animal' to help alleviate the effects of their disability. Assistance animals are permitted to attend our school with their handler. Our school principal can lawfully ask a person to produce evidence that an animal:
 - is trained specifically to assist a person alleviate the effects of a disability (eg seeing eye dogs)
 - meets standards of hygiene and behaviour appropriate for a school environment.
- 2 We understand that in some circumstances, students may require an assistance animal to attend school to help them to participate in their educational program. Streeton Primary School will consider a request by a student with a disability to allow an assistance animal to attend school with them on a case-by-case basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Principal on 9435 6070.

C. Stray Dogs

- 1 Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the school office. School staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria police for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school.

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3.0 REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School's three year review cycle.