Animal Code of Ethics Procedures

1. ‘Animal’ is defined as any living creature with a backbone, including land-based and aquatic mammals, birds, fish and reptiles.

2. It is generally accepted that other living creatures such as snails, worms and insects must also be treated with care and kindness.

3. If the appropriate care cannot be provided, the animals will not be kept in the school.

4. Creatures kept in the classroom for observation will be housed and fed properly and returned to their natural habitat on completion of study.

5. Creatures captured on field trips will be returned to their natural habitat prior to leaving the area, unless their proper care in school can be guaranteed.

6. Creatures kept in classrooms are at the discretion of the Principal. There is to be no activity which may cause distress or suffering to an animal.

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