

Non-Service Animals in Schools

Sample Letter to the Families of Children in the Classroom
(kindly edit this letter and put it on your school letterhead)

Date

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Animals are often used in schools as an effective source of learning and curricular enrichment, and they can contribute to a positive classroom culture. As your child's teacher, I am planning to bring an animal into our classroom as described below. My principal has given tentative approval for this plan.

Number and type of animals: _____

Instructional purpose and activities: _____

Length of time the animal will be at school [date(s)/time(s)]: _____

Some children with allergies, asthma, phobias and/or religious beliefs may be adversely affected by the presence of an animal in the classroom.

If you have any specific concerns regarding the presence of this animal in your child's class, please contact me. Please indicate your consent for your child to participate in classroom activities with the animal(s) noted above using the form below. Return your response to me by _____ (date).

I give permission for my child to be in the classroom during activities with the animal(s) as described above.

I have concerns about the animal's presence in the classroom and do not give my consent. I can be reached at the following phone number/email to discuss further: _____.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Thank you for your on-going cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Teacher

cc: Principal