

Instruction**Student Permission for Exposure to Animals(s) Form**

To be used when animal(s) are brought into the classroom or learning environment for educational purposes.

Student: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Legal Custodian:

As allergies, asthma, immune problems, or other health concerns may make animal contact inappropriate for some students, District guidelines require prior parent/guardian/legal custodian permission for student contact with animal(s) in school.

On (insert date) , the following animal(s) will visit my classroom for educational purposes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird | <input type="checkbox"/> Ferret |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guinea Pig | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamster | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile or amphibian | <input type="checkbox"/> Rat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Gerbil | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

The following animals are prohibited in schools:

1. Any non-domesticated animal
2. Venomous or toxin-producing animals
3. Any animal with a known history of aggression or behavioral problems.
4. Mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes);
5. Stray animals or animals with no health or vaccination history;
6. Any animal in the Idaho Invasive Species List; and

The building principal will ensure the District's policies and procedures for the use of animals in education programs are followed. The teacher will supervise the entire student-animal contact session, have a clean and disinfected area for showing the animal(s), not allow food or drink in the animal-showing area, and will appropriately dispose of animal waste. **Under no circumstances are students allowed to clean cages or handle animal waste.**

Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher by (date) . If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at (insert contact information).

To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian:

- ☐ I **do** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the School District and its employees and agents against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of my student's exposure to the animal(s) listed above.
- ☐ I **do not** permit my student identified above to be exposed to the animal(s) listed above. I understand that when the animal(s) listed above are present, my student will be excused from classroom attendance without penalty and given an alternative educational activity.

Parent/Guardian Name (*please print*)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Note: If only one parent/guardian signs this form, please certify the following:

I, _____ (parent/guardian), have full authority to sign and consent to this Permission Form and Release as an agent of any and all other parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s).
