

Permission from the principal must be received before any animal is brought into the school.

Once signed by the teachers and approved by the principal, a copy of this form must be kept on file by the principal until September 1st of the following school year. This form is valid for one school year and one type of animal. The request may be reviewed and renewed if appropriate.

School _____ Teacher _____

Grade/Department _____ Principal _____

Name of “**backup**” staff (who will assume responsibility for the care of the animal(s) when the classroom teacher is unavailable): _____

Type of animal _____ Quantity _____

resident animal visiting animal

(If an animal is being kept in a **portable** classroom, a plan to accommodate the animal in the main school building on evenings and weekends, if necessary, needs to be approved by the principal.)

Source of the animal(s) (Name and address are required): _____

Rationale for requesting the animal(s), including curriculum expectations: _____

Animal's duration of stay: _____

What will happen to the resident animal(s) during holiday/school breaks?

What will happen to the resident animal(s) at the end of their stay in school?

Declaration of the teacher requesting to have an animal in the classroom, and of the “backup” staff:

1. I agree to implement the UGDSB Animals in the Classroom Policy and Procedures (602/602-A)
2. I will ensure that the basic standards of care for animals, which is covered under [Regulation 60/09](#) of the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, are provided for all classroom animals.
3. I will send all parents of students in the classroom written communication about the presence of animal(s) in the classroom prior to bringing the animal into the school, and inquire about any students who may be adversely affected by the animal's presence.
4. I will instruct my students in the proper handling and care of the animal(s) and will do my utmost to ensure the well-being of any animal under my supervision.

Teacher: _____ Back-up Staff: _____

Principal: I have reviewed this request and any attached documents. I give my consent to the presence of the animal(s) described. _____