

The school committee of Monhegan Island, concerned for the health and safety of all children, staff and visitors, bans all animals from entering the school, except under the provisions provided for in this policy. This policy applies to the varied events that are hosted at the school. This policy is predicated on the knowledge that many children have serious allergies to animals and also that having animals on school property is a significant safety and liability issue for the school.

Permission is to be obtained from the school teacher before animals, whether hatched or not, are brought to the classroom by anyone. If students wish to bring them for educational purposes, they are to consult with their teacher. The teacher may choose to seek the advice of the superintendent.

When permission is granted to host an animal in the school, they must be adequately housed and cared for in screened cages or aquaria. Only the teacher or students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

If animals are to be kept in the classroom on days when classes are not in session, arrangements must be made for their care.

Teachers, students and visitors are forbidden to bring their own pets, including dogs and cats, into the school without genuine purpose and permission.

The school board will inform the residents of Monhegan Plantation of this policy.

Legal Reference: Title 17, MRSA, Sec. 1055, 1058

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