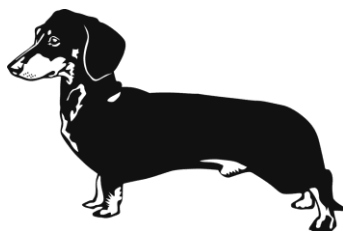
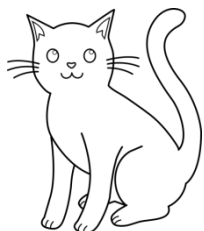


Pet Requirements & Guidelines

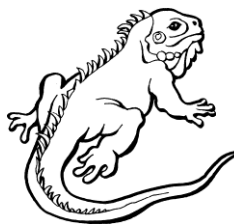
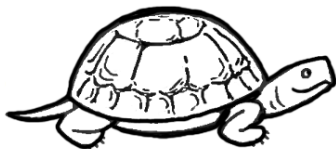
All pets housed within a day-care must be maintained in good health and up-to-date on their vaccinations.

Pets are limited to: dog, cat, fish, guinea pigs, gerbils, rabbits, hamsters, rats, mice, and birds. If you want to have a pet other than those listed above, contact your licenser to see if you have the option to request a variance.



If you have a bird with a hook bill, i.e. Parakeet, lovebird, cockatoo, cockatiel, parrot, or macaw, you must have verification on file that your bird or birds are free of *Chlamydia psittaci*.

Reptiles are **not** allowed in day-care homes. This includes turtles, lizards, (such as chameleons and iguanas), snakes, alligators/crocodiles, geckos, etc. Hermit crabs and grog are no considered retiles: however, they are not recommended as pets to have in a day-care setting due to the risk of salmonella.



PROVDERS MUST:

- *Notify parents prior to admission of the presence of pet in their home
- *Direct supervision children when handling an animal
- *Children should wash hands after handling an animal
- *Provide verification that rabies shows and tag are current for doge and carts
- *Clean and keep pet cages away from any food preparation, storage, or serving areas
- *Ensure that they play area are free of animal excrement
- *Notify parents if their child's skin is broken by an animal bite or scratch immediately.
- *Notify an agent of the board of health as authorized under Minnesota Statute, section 145A.04, immediately if a child is care is bitten by an animal (call911). This notification needs to be given before any steps are taken to destroy the animal and reasonable steps to confine the animal shall be taken.