



Classroom Pets Permission Slip

Classroom pets add significant value to St. Thomas of Villanova’s educational setting. Children build their knowledge and caregiving skills through handling and feeding the pets. Also, empathy and understanding is developed. Children enjoy watching the animals and learn about different animal behaviors and needs.

Several classrooms at St. Thomas of Villanova have one or more pets, and our students take turns caring for them under adult supervision. Students are always expected to wash their hands immediately after handling or feeding a classroom pet.

There are inherent risks to children when involved with caring for pets, such as, but not limited to: Being frightened by the animals’ movements, being scratched or bitten, allergic reactions from touching the animal or certain animal foods. Students are taught pet care skills, and there are rules in place regarding handling the animals to avoid any negative behavior by the animals.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Brinkman in the School Office.

I, _____ (parent /guardian), give permission for my child(ren)
(Print name of parent/guardian) do not give permission for my child(ren)

(Print name/s of student/s)

to participate in caring for the classroom pets (e.g. being “Pet Helper”).

Restrictions *(allergies, etc.)*: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____