

## Instruction

### Exhibit - Student Permission for Exposure to Animals

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

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As allergies, asthma, immune challenges, and/or other health needs may make animal contact inappropriate for some students, Cooperative guidelines require prior parent/guardian permission for student contact with animal(s) in school.

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

- |                              |                                 |                                  |   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <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: venomous or toxin-producing animals (e.g., certain spiders, insects, reptiles, and amphibians), wild or exotic animals, mammals at high-risk for transmitting rabies (e.g., bats, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes), non-human primates, stray animals, or aggressive/unpredictable animals.

The Building Principal or designee will ensure that the Cooperative's *Guidelines for Using Animals in School Facilities* are followed. You may find these *Guidelines* in the school office. I will also 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 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 me by       (insert date)      . If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at       (insert contact information)      .

#### **To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date