

**ANIMALS IN SCHOOL**

It is the policy of the Perry Board of Education that students will not bring animals onto school premises except in connection with an organized and approved school activity, or as otherwise authorized by the appropriate building principal. Written permission must be obtained from the appropriate building principal before animals are brought to school or to any school activity.

Authorized animals must be adequately housed and cared for while on school grounds. Only the teacher, or students designated by the teacher, is to handle the animals. If dogs are allowed to be on school grounds by the principal, the dogs must be leashed at all times and not permitted to run at large.

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

If a staff member or student has been bitten by an animal and the skin has been pierced, the incident must be reported immediately to the school office by the student or the supervising adult. The principal will notify public health authorities and cause the animal to be impounded for observation. Public health authorities will determine the appropriate term of confinement of the animal and method of observation.

Seeing Eye dogs are authorized to be utilized on school grounds as guide dogs for any person requiring the use of such a dog for vision assistance.