

RISK ASSESSMENT **Therapy dog in school**

LOCATION: Rokesly Infant & Nursery School

ASSESSOR: Grant Bright (HT) Jill Dougan (DH / Inclusion)
Co-ordinator: Gemma Oktay

DATE OF ASSESSMENT: 13/1/21

HEADTEACHER: Grant Bright **SIGNED:**



Dog's name: Honey
Chip no: 933082603083178
Registered Veterinary practice: Hills Veterinary Surgery, 178 Park Road, N8 8JT
Insurance: paid by owner
Training from: Leila at Huxley and Hooch

| Area of Work/Task | Who might be harmed | Hazard(s) | Is the risk adequately controlled? | Tick | Further action required | Review date |
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| Children's approach to the dog | Children / staff | Dog could bite, scratch, knock a child over or jump up and lick a child. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog chosen to be sociable and good natured • Training in place • No unsupervised contact with children • Honey kept securely in dog bed in consultation room when not supervised • Gemma to prepare the children in advance through carpet sessions related to how to treat the dog • Children and staff to be made aware of procedures to follow with the dog • Children to be trained not to put their hands near the dog's mouth • Hand cleaning facilities nearby • First aid kit nearby | | | |
| Germs / infections | Children / staff | Children or staff will contract diseases that can be carried by dogs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All immunisations are kept up to date and a record will be kept of this. • Children to wash/sanitise their hands after any contact with Honey or her toys • Identified dog toilet area to be kept fenced off & out of bounds to children – cleaned regularly with antibacterial cleaner • If the dog goes in another area it should immediately be cleaned and disinfected • Any excrement or urine will be cleaned up immediately and disposed of hygienically • Adult supervising Honey to carry a bag containing poo bags, plastic bags, tissues, antibacterial gel and gloves | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence off toilet area | |

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| Allergic reaction to the dog | Children / staff | Allergic reaction of child or staff member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent to be given by all parents prior to the dog coming into the nursery • Any allergies to be identified in advance & a care plan prepared (avoiding any contact if necessary) • Children to wash/sanitise their hands after any contact with Honey or her toys • Honey is classes as hypoallergenic as risk is low • Honey to be kept clean and well groomed • Bedding to be kept clean • Regular cleaning of consultation room • Sign to be displayed in nursery foyer indicating that Honey is in the nursery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent to be obtained from parents • Allergies to be identified • Sign to be displayed | |
| Noise / barking | Children / staff | Disruption to the nursery / anxiety among children | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog chosen to be sociable and good natured • Honey to be introduced to school environment at an early stage to help her become acclimatised to the noise/activity levels • Honey will be removed from the situation that is causing her to bark or the cause will be dealt with | | |
| Fire Drill | Dog if in consultation room | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honey to be collected from the consultation room and taken out with the children • Supervised by member of staff at all times | | |