# Kansas Administrative Regulations

## Department of Health and Environment

### Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—General Regulations for Categories of Child Care.

**28-4-131. Animals.**

Each applicant with a temporary permit and each licensee shall ensure that the following requirements are met for any animals on the premises.

(a) If any animal is kept on the premises, each area in which the animal is permitted shall be maintained in a sanitary manner. There shall be no evidence of disease, flea, tick, or worm infestation.

(b) No animal shall be in the kitchen while food is being prepared.

(c) Parents and legal guardians shall be informed whenever children in care have access to animals at the facility.

(d) Each domesticated dog and each domesticated cat shall have a current rabies vaccination given by a licensed veterinarian or a person acting under the direct supervision of a veterinarian as specified in K.S.A. 21-1213, and amendments thereto. A record of vaccinations shall be kept on file at the facility.

(e) When animals that represent a possible risk of harm to children are on the premises, children shall be protected from them.

(f) Any non-domesticated or aggressive animal, including animals that have a history of inflicting injury or have shown signs of aggression, shall be prohibited, unless the animals are in an animal exhibit and are under the control of professional animal care personnel presenting the exhibit.

(g) Before handling any animal, each child in care shall be taught safety procedures to follow when handling them.

(h) Each contact between a child and an animal shall be supervised by an adult who is close enough to intervene immediately if either of the following circumstances occurs:

(1) The animal shows signs of distress or aggression; or

(2) the child shows signs of treating the animal inappropriately.

(i) Each individual shall wash that individual's hands after feeding or handling any animal. Each individual caring for children shall ensure each child washes that child's hands or be assisted in washing that child's hands after feeding or handling any animal. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-508; effective May 1, 1986; amended Feb. 26, 1990; amended Aug. 2, 2024.)

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