Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 4.—Maternal and Child Health—School-Age Programs.

28-4-595. Animals on the premises.

(a) If animals are kept on the premises, each applicant with a temporary permit and each licensee shall ensure that each area in which an animal is permitted is maintained in a clean and sanitary manner, with no evidence of disease, flea, tick, or worm infestation in the area.

(b) Any non-domesticated or aggressive animal, including any animal that has a history of inflicting injury or show 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.

(c) Each applicant with a temporary permit and each licensee shall ensure that animals are not present in the following areas:

(1) The kitchen while food is being prepared;

(2) the dining area while children are eating; and

(3) each food storage area.

(d) Each staff member and each child shall wash that individual's hands with soap and water after handling animals, animal food, and animal wastes.

(e) Each applicant with a temporary permit and each licensee shall ensure that each domesticated cat and each domesticated dog on the premises has a current rabies vaccination. A record of each vaccination shall be kept on file on the premises or at a designated central office location and shall be available for review by the secretary's designee.

(f) Before handling any animal, each applicant with a temporary permit and each licensee shall ensure that each child is taught safe procedures to follow when handling animals. The applicant with a temporary permit, licensee, or staff member supervising the activity shall intervene immediately if either of the following occurs:

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

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

(g) If a child is injured by an animal, the applicant with a temporary permit or licensee shall immediately notify the parent or other adult responsible for the child about the injury. The applicant with a temporary permit or licensee shall submit a critical incident report as specified in K.A.R. 28-4-592(g)(1).

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