

Independent Schools

Independent Schools are required to Obtain a Schools Animal Use Licence from the Scientific Licensing Unit of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD)

<https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/animalwelfare/using-animals-scientific-purposes>

This is to be done prior to submitting any applications



Common activities that REQUIRE approval

- Chicken egg hatching
- Monitoring and caring for very young or vulnerable animals (e.g. 1 day old chicks)
- Breeding small mammals (e.g. mice, guinea pigs and rabbits)



IS APPROVAL REQUIRED?

1. Using live vertebrates?
2. Science curriculum activity?
3. Disruption to environment, conditions or behaviour?

YES

NO

Submit an application via the online system and WAIT for approval

SAEC Certificate of Approval issued, then proceed with the activity
Abide by all SAEC directions

Remember

- Reduce the impact on the animals as much as possible (e.g. minimise handling)
- Monitor the animal's wellbeing and keep monitoring records
- If there are issues or changes to the activity then contact the SAEC Executive Officer

Reporting is compulsory

- Activity Completion Report
- Annual Report via the online Animal Ethics system by the end of November

Illness, injury, death or unexpected incident?

- Obtain veterinary care for the animal quickly
- Submit a report to the SAEC promptly - approved activities only



Adhere to any SAEC guidelines or Standard Operating Procedures that apply to your activity

Proceed with the activity
The *Animal Welfare Act 2002* applies and schools are responsible for the safety and wellbeing of the animals

Ongoing care
Consider procedures to:

- Ensure appropriate food and clean water is available at all times
- Roster duties such as cleaning housing
- Manage health care (e.g. vaccinations)
- Arrange weekend and holiday care
- Ensure security from predators and vandals
- Keep animal care and use records

Reporting is optional

- Schools may submit an Annual Report via the online Animal Ethics system



Common activities that DO NOT require approval

- Any live animals not used in teaching science (e.g. goldfish tank in the office)
- Laying hens housed in a coop
- Companion or therapy animals
- Class Pets (eg goldfish, budgie, guinea pig)
- Activities using invertebrates (eg insects, spiders, worms, snails, crustaceans)
- Observation of tadpoles transforming into frogs as long as they are returned to their original environment

