

## Hunmanby Primary School's Well-being Dog Risk Assessment

HAZARD	WHO IS AFFECTED/AT RISK	RISK RATING (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH)	ACTIONS/CONTROL MEASURES	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
Animal Health Diseases , parasites and animal health	Dog	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winnie is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas</li> <li>• Any excrement or urine will be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly and disposed of responsibly and hygienically.</li> <li>• Hand washing facilities available throughout school.</li> <li>• A bag containing poo bags/ plastic bags, disposable gloves, antibacterial gel etc will be carried by member of staff walking Winnie.</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner
Bites, scratches or illness caused by the Denzel	Staff, children and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winnie is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas</li> <li>• is groomed before the visit</li> <li>• All staff and children are required to wash their hands after contact with Winnie</li> <li>• Handlers clear up Winnie's urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – pupils are told to stay away</li> <li>• Winnie is not taken anywhere near food preparation areas</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner

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Allergies	Staff and children	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have consulted all parents regarding Winnie being part of the school environment</li> <li>• Winnie's breed is hypoallergenic – Labradoodle (see note* below)</li> <li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with allergies</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner
Phobias	Staff and children	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have consulted all parents regarding Winnie being part of the school environment</li> <li>• Contact with Winnie is optional</li> <li>• We will work alongside parents and children to reduce anxiety</li> <li>• Alternative activities are provided in a separate room for those with a phobia</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner

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Activities and games involving the dog	Staff, children, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handler(s) remain with Winnie at all times</li> <li>• Handler(s) speak to school staff in advance and make sure the area and activity is safe</li> <li>• We check with the handler(s) and set a limit for the number of children who can interact with a Winnie at once</li> <li>• Handler(s) clean up urine and faeces</li> <li>• School staff remove children who misbehave or upset Winnie</li> <li>• We set a time limit on activities as recommended by handlers, so Winnie does not get tired</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner
Children misbehaving	Children, dogs and handlers	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are told in advance what to expect and how to behave</li> <li>• School staff are present at all time during the visit</li> <li>• School staff are ready to remove children who misbehave or upset Winnie</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner

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Damage caused to school materials, equipment and the school site	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winnie will remain on a lead at all times</li> <li>• Handlers bring suitable toys if necessary</li> <li>• Areas/classrooms are cleared as much as possible before Winnie visits</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner
Fire drill and evacuation of dog.	Dogs	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff will be aware of fire procedures when in charge of Winnie</li> <li>• Winnie will be under the supervision of a member of staff all of the time. Winnie will be supervised at the assembly point</li> <li>• School will undertake a fire drill whilst the children are not in school to ensure he is calm with the noise of the fire alarm (first week)</li> </ul>	Julia Tanner

\*One of the advantages a Labradoodle is that they are hypoallergenic dogs; this means they are less likely to cause an allergic reaction in humans. By bringing a hypoallergenic dog into your school you are reducing the risk of the dog triggering an allergic reaction. Allergies to dogs are most commonly caused by a reaction to the dander (dead skin cells) that the dog produces, and not to the fur itself. The dander and saliva sticks to the dog's fur and is released during the normal shedding process. A hypoallergenic dog, therefore, will be one that produces less dander (or retains it). The poodle has a low dander count and a low-non shedding coat, and these characteristics are inherited by the Labradoodle. Many people with asthma and eczema are therefore able to live closely with a Labradoodle without being troubled by allergic symptoms at all.