

# **Kids Country Barn Pet Policy**

Please be aware at Kids Country Barn we allow animals to be in contact with the children. KCB owns 4 goats. If a child or family wishes to bring in a pet, the family needs to contact the office to get permission as some children may be allergic to the animals.

All pets can scratch, kick or bite. We show the children how to properly handle the animals to help avoid this from happening. Children help with chores. We have the children wash their hands after handling the animals and teach them proper hygiene and safe handling practices.

We realize that there is always an increase of risk exposing children to these various animals, but feel strongly that following safe handling practices, the children will benefit greatly. Pets are used for therapy world-wide.

Anyone that is uncomfortable with having their children exposed to our animals may want to seek out other options for their child's pre-school experience.

We have created a unique farm-like setting for children in order for them to bond and care for both the plant and animal kingdom. With this philosophy we allow for the children to garden, go on extended hikes, explore the forest and wetlands and tend to the animals we own at Hazel Creek. We follow strict safety guidelines. Our Staff are all CPR certified and many on staff are Red Cross Lifeguards and professional rescuers.