

## *Allie's Angels Childminding*

### Pet Policy

We have a family pet 'Honey the Cat'. She is very kind natured, playful young cat and doesn't have a problem with children. She spends most of her time outside and comes in to eat and drink.

I believe that children can learn a lot from having contact with animals; however certain procedures must be followed to ensure the safety of the children:

- The children will be encouraged to treat all animals with respect and learn how to handle them correctly
- Children must learn to wash their hands after any contact with animals and understand why this is important
- Children must learn that not all animals are child friendly and should check with the animals owner before attempting to stroke them (if we're out in the park I will check with the owner)
- Honey's food is kept in the cupboard under the sink which has a child lock on
- Honey's food is kept behind the gate in the kitchen. We do not have a litter tray
- Honey doesn't foul in her own garden and I have not seen any other cats doing so but I will always check the garden before we go out to play