The Code ...... and which bits are relevant to South Australian Independent and Catholic Schools
So which sections do teachers really have to read?

- The good news is that you really only HAVE to have read pages 1 – 84.

- The rest is pretty much optional for teachers.
All of it!
Section 4: - The care and use of animals for the achievement of educational outcomes in science

Pages 69 – 73 covers the section of the Code that specifically focuses on the use of animals in education.
A few key points to emphasize......

- Code covers use of animals for teaching science
- All sections of the Code apply with emphasis on:
  - Section 1 – Governing principles
  - Section 2 – Responsibilities (including reporting!)
  - Section 3 – Animal wellbeing
- That means that use of animals for other purposes would be regulated by the Animal Welfare Act
- Powers of the Principal ........
If you are involved in the care and use of animals in teaching activities in a school, you need to:

- be aware of the governing principles that apply to the care and use of animals (see Section 1), and
- know your responsibilities, and
- be aware of your duty of care to the animals, and
- follow the policies and procedures established by your school and your state or territory education department about how to implement the Code.
Non Government Schools Animal Ethics
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The Code or Procedures Manual?

- These procedures are consistent with the Code
  - Pre-approved by your AEC (Category 1 – 3)
  - Equivalent system is in place for Government Schools
- Category 1: classroom pets etc. as per approved SOPs
- Category 2: non-invasive handling (SOPs, Principal or delegate eg Animal Ethics Contact Person)
- Category 3: non-invasive techniques (needs Principal’s approval – NOT delegated, SOPs)
Animals in Schools more broadly?

- Show & Tell / Sharing
- Art Classes
- Parents during school drop off and pick up
- Class room pets
- Native animals in the playground
- Pest animal species

Why worry about any of this .....?

Common sense – assisted by Animal Focus Person and Principal