

Shaker Place Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Purpose and Procedures for Pet Visits within the Facility

PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for family or friends of Residents who wish to bring their family dog or cat to visit the Resident at the facility.

PROCEDURES: The Admissions packet will include a notice that pets are welcome at the Facility, but are subject to Policy and Procedures that must be reviewed by Admissions with the owner prior to the pet coming into the Facility.

Residents' pets will not be allowed to reside at the Facility with the Resident.

VISITING PETS:

1. The front desk will maintain a copy of this procedure and a list of pets that have clearance for entering the building, provided by the Director of Recreation Therapy and/or designee.
2. Clearance will be granted after the Director of Recreation Therapy has:
 - a. evaluated the pet
 - b. received assurance from the pet owner that the animal is fully housebroken
 - c. obtained written documentation of current vaccinations,
 - d. obtained the name and telephone number of attending veterinarian.The Director of Recreation Therapy and/or designee will obtain from pet owner documentation of vaccinations being kept up to date.
3. Pets not on this list will not be permitted into the building.
4. The Social Work Department upon admission will provide the owner with a copy of this procedure.
5. Additional conditions required for retaining visiting privileges are the following:
 - a. the animal is on a leash at all times and never left unattended.
 - b. the animal voids outside of the building and only in designated area.
 - c. animals are clean, properly groomed, well behaved, and healthy.
Admission will not be permitted if the animal is visibly dirty, appears aggressive, sick, vomiting, flea and tick infested, has diarrhea, or has open sores.
 - d. written statement from Veterinarian that animal is free of ticks and / or fleas



6. No personal pets will be taken into:
 - a. Resident or staff dining areas during meals
 - b. visiting animals are not allowed in laundry, utensil storage or food preparation areas
7. The owner is responsible for his/her visiting pet's behavior. Animals that bark, run, jump, bite, or that are not fully housebroken will be asked to leave the Facility and grounds.
8. Staff who question whether an animal should remain in the building should contact the Administrator on Call.
9. Administration reserves the right to revoke pet visiting privileges at any time.

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