

TRINITY VILLAGE VISITING PET POLICY

Trinity Village's visiting pet policy provides parameters around a safe environment for families and residents to interact and enjoy the companionship of pets they may have had in their home/family.

All pet owners must submit the following documents prior to pets first visit

- Signed Trinity Village Visiting Pet Authorization Form
- Signed Trinity Village Visiting Pet Policy
- Current/Valid Pet Vaccination Certificates
- Annual Health Exam Certificate
- Flea control prevention certificate
- A photo of the pet

Core/mandatory immunizations required for dogs: Rabies, Distemper, Adeno-flu, Parvo-Core. Lepto and Bordetella are not required but highly recommended if the animal is boarded in a kennel.

Core/ mandatory immunizations required for cats: Rabies, rhino/calici, chlamydia, F.I.P (Peritonitis), S.V.R.C.P (upper respiratory).

*Staff who bring in their personal pet (wherever permitted) to interact with residents must first receive clearance from their Department Manager, and then submit the above documents to the Program Manager. Staff will establish a visiting plan for their pet (who and when they will visit). This policy will apply as well.

All visiting pets must:

- Be at least 1-2 years of age
- Have lived with their owner in a residence for at least 6 months, be housebroken, well mannered, obedient, easily controlled by voice command, and restrained by a short leash (4-6 ft).
- Visiting pets must be bathed and groomed frequently including brushing and filling of nails. Ensure your pet is well groomed prior to each visit.
- All animals will undergo regular annual (if not earlier) evaluation by a veterinarian confirming their good health and up to date vaccinations. A copy of the pet's health record with all up to date immunizations and flea control must be submitted to the Program Manager prior to initial visit. A description of the pet as well as updated immunization records and a digital picture (if available) must be on file prior to the first visit. It is the responsibility of the pet owner to submit updated health records and vaccination status to Program Manager on a timely manner.
- Pets will not be left alone or unattended. Direct supervision of their pet while visiting residents is required.
- During a pet visit, a barrier such as a lap robe or linen be placed between the animal and the resident (either on the bed over bedding, on a chair or lap).

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- The pet owner/handler will be responsible for cleaning up after any potential spills or environmental contamination during a pet visit. A bin with pet cleaning supplies (gloves, sanitizing wipes) are located on each home area in the laundry room. Please ask one of the staff on the home area to access the supplies. In the administration area, cleaning supplies are kept under the sink in the common area.
- Pet owners must screen in and out in the WhosonLocation app. They must sign in their pet with the Screeners as well.
- Pet handlers shall not bring in any unnecessary items into the home i.e blankets, pet toys etc.
- A brief obedience test may be required prior to pet's 1st visit if the pet is new to the home.

All animal visits are not permitted if the home is in a suspect or declared outbreak status.

Infection Control:

- All pet handlers will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands before and after interacting with the animal.
- Visiting pets must be bathed and groomed prior to visits including brushing and filling of nails. Ensure your pet is well groomed prior to each visit
- All visiting pets will follow a flea control/prevention program.
- Family pet visits will take place in your loved ones' room. If roommate does not wish for dog visits, the home will provide you with a space for your pet and loved one's visit.
- Pets are not permitted to eat or drink from Trinity Village kitchen utensils, plates etc.
- Ensure pets are healthy and have not been exposed to anyone who is required to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to their visit.
- In case a pet was exposed to someone with COVID-19 animal will be removed from the home and will follow up with their veterinarian. Precautions should be taken for 14 days after the animal's last exposure to the facility. A pet can be returned to the facility as long as the animal is healthy and has received clearance by their veterinarian. Trinity Village assumes no liability for costs associated with a hospital-associated infection in visiting animal/pet.
- If a pet develops any signs of illness DO NOT VISIT. Contact your veterinarian and resume your visits when it is safe to do so.

Pets are NOT PERMITTED in these Spaces:

- Food and medication preparation areas including but not limited to kitchen, serveries, dining rooms and med rooms.
- Pet owners visiting with a pet will keep their pet off tables, chairs where food is being consumed (i.e café area in lobby)

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- If visiting a resident in a basic room and the roommate is allergic to dogs or dislikes dog for any reason, the home will provide a space for your pet to visit your loved one.

Situations in which a pet may be excluded from the home:

- The animal exhibits aggressive behavior such as snarling, biting, scratching, or teeth baring
- The animal is excessively noisy (eg, howling, crying, or whining).
- The reoccurring events of any unsafe behaviours/conditions.
- The animal is unable to properly contain bodily excretions (eg, urinating, or vomiting or diarrhea).

Bite/Scratch Policy: Some elders may have fragile skin and therefore, prior to each visit, pet's nails must be clipped and filed (nail grind) to avoid any injury. Should an incident occur (bite, scratch, and attack) during a visit with a pet, the owner must advise the House Manager /Nurse Manager who will initiate an incident report.

I _____, have read and hereby understand and agree to the aforementioned contract for the safe and healthy enjoyment of my pet visiting Trinity Village.

Name of Owner:
 Name of Pet:
 Name of Resident/House Area Visiting:
 Owner's Cell:
 Owner's Email:
 Who will the pet visit:
 Frequency of Visits:
 Date Signed:

***This form must be signed and returned to Program Manager prior to pets' first visit.

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