

## FAMILY PET VISITATION AGREEMENT

### Infection Control Requirements:

- I will not bring my pet(s) to visit a resident where Infection Prevention & Control precautions are in place, or there are other limiting factors, such as allergies, phobias, or if the resident declines the visit.
- My pet(s) will receive immunizations on an annual basis, including the mandatory rabies vaccination as per Health Protection and Promotion Act, RRO 1990, Reg. 567, Rabies Immunization. I will provide proof of immunization if requested.
- I will not bring in any pet(s) under one year of age.
- I will ensure that my pet is clean, well-groomed and free of parasites or infection when brought to the Veterans Centre.
- I understand that my pet may be excluded from visiting in the Veterans Centre if it is suspected to be a source or transmitter of infection. If so, I understand that I may be required to have the animal examined by a veterinarian before being allowed back into the hospital and provide a veterinarian's written assurance that the animal is no risk to residents, staff, volunteers, physicians and visitors.

### Visiting Hours & Location of Visits:

- I will visit with my pet(s) during regular Veterans Centre visiting hours and will limit the visit to two hours, unless the visit is outdoors, so that the pet's elimination needs can be met.
- I will not visit with my pet(s) during mealtimes or when personal care is being provided.
- I will visit with my pet(s) outdoors when possible. Failing this, the pet will visit in the resident's single room. I understand that if the consent of other residents or their substitute decision makers is obtained and there are no other limiting factors (eg. Allergies (residents or staff) phobias), then visits may take place in the on-unit lounge or the resident's multi-occupancy room
- I will not bring my pet(s) to the following areas in the Veterans Centre:
  - Warriors Hall (including Games Room and The Annex)
  - L Wing Fireplace Room
  - Sunny's Cafeteria
  - Unit Dining Rooms & Food Preparation Areas

### Safety & Pet Behaviours

- I will stay with my pet(s) at all times and will keep them on a leash or in a cage while on the premises. I will not leave my pet(s) unattended.
- I am responsible for my pet(s)' nutrition and elimination while on the premises and will clean up any "accidents" that may occur.
- I will promptly remove my pet(s) if requested by staff as a result of unacceptable behaviour (eg. excessive barking, jumping up, biting or nipping) or if the presence of the animal is having an adverse effect on the resident or others.
- I will comply with the *Dog Owners' Liability Act, O.Reg.157/05* when on Sunnybrook property (e.g. pit bull and pit bull like terriers are to be muzzled and on a leash when in public).
- I will use hand sanitizing dispensers throughout my visit and will ensure that any resident who pets/handles the animal also washes their hands with soap and water or uses an alcohol sanitizer at the end of the pet's visit.