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AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORTADMINISTRATION (ALTSA)

Pet Record Review

For use during Recertification Surveys of Nursing Homes

FACILITY NAME	
SURVEYOR'S NAME	
DATE	

☐ **Check here if the facility does not have any pets living or visiting in the facility and skip the rest of the form.**

A. Resident Rights		**Notes**
1. If desired, do residents have a reasonable opportunity to have regular contact with pets?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
2. Are pets restricted from food preparation areas?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
3. Are pets restricted from residents who object to the presence of pets?	☐ Yes ☐ No	

B. Pet Health – If any of the following are "No" cite WAC 388-97-0980

1. Current number of pets living on premises:
2. Current number of pets who visit:
3. All live-in and visiting pets have a current vaccination against rabies: ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. All live-in pets are veterinarian certified to be free of diseases transmittable to humans: ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. All visiting pets observed appear healthy and do not pose a significant health risk: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. All pets observed display a suitable temperament: ☐ Yes ☐ No

C. Animals living in the home ONLY

NAME (OR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)	TYPE OF ANIMAL	MOST RECENT EXAM DATE / CONCERNS	RABIES IMMUNIZATION (EXPIRATION OR DUE DATE)	CERTIFIED TO BE FREE OF DISEASES TRANSMITTABLE TO HUMANS
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D. Notes

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E. Instructions

- Request pet records for animals who live on the premises. Document health and temperament information for **live in** pets on Page 1.
- Through observation and interview, ensure compliance with WAC 388-97-0980, Pets:
  - (1) Each resident must have a reasonable opportunity to have regular contact with animals, if desired.
  - (2) The nursing home must:
    - (a) Consider the recommendations of nursing home residents, resident councils, and staff;
    - (b) Determine how to provide residents access to animals;
    - (c) Determine the type and number of animals available in the facility, which the facility can safely manage. Such animals should include only those customarily considered domestic pets;
    - (d) Ensure that any resident's rights, preferences, and medical needs are not compromised by the presence of an animal; and
    - (e) Ensure any animal visiting or living on the premises has a suitable temperament, is healthy, and otherwise poses no significant health or safety risks to residents, staff, or visitors.
  - (3) Animals living on the nursing home premises must:
    - (a) Have regular examinations and immunizations, appropriate for the species, by a veterinarian licensed in Washington state; and
    - (b) Be veterinarian certified to be free of diseases transmittable to humans.
  - (4) Pets must be restricted from:
    - (a) Central food preparation areas; and
    - (b) Residents who object to the presence of pets.

Pet Health Guidance

Rabies vaccination requirements DOH WAC 246-100-197.

An owner of a dog, cat, or ferret shall have it vaccinated and revaccinated against rabies following veterinary and USDA-licensed rabies vaccine manufacturer instructions.

- A typical rabies vaccination schedule is to vaccinate at 3 months of age, and again approximately one year later, and then every three years, but manufacturer instructions take precedence.
- An animal is considered immunized 28 days after initial vaccination or immediately following any booster vaccinations.

Other vaccinations or immunizations are highly recommended, but not required.

- Cats: Vaccinations to protect against panleukopenia (feline distemper), feline calici virus and feline herpes virus type I (rhinotracheitis).
- Dogs: Vaccinations to protect against canine parvovirus, distemper and canine hepatitis.

For more information about diseases that can spread from pets to humans, visit this CDC website:
https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/diseases/index.html