



AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION (AL TSA)

Pet Record Review

For use during Recertification Surveys of Nursing Homes

FACILITY NAME

SURVEYOR'S NAME

DATE

Instructions

- Request pet records for animals who currently visit or live on the premises. Document health and temperament information for **live in** pets on Page 2.
- 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

All pets living in the home must be veterinarian certified to be free of disease transmittable to humans.

Rabies vaccination requirements (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>



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Resident Rights

If desired, do residents have a reasonable opportunity to have regular contact with pets?

Yes
 No

Are pets restricted from food preparation areas?

Yes
 No

Are pets restricted from residents who object to the presence of pets?

Yes
 No

Pet Health

Current number of pets living on premises:

Current number of pets who visit:

All visiting pets have a current vaccination against Rabies: Yes No

All pets checked for suitable temperament: Yes No

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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References: WAC 246-100-197 and WAC 388-97-0980

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