



# Animal Guidelines and Agreement

We recognize the value of animal companionship and that many people may not come into shelter if they cannot bring their animal. We want to provide programming that recognizes that value, while protecting the safety, health, and cleanliness of facilities. **In order to have an animal in our facilities, you must agree to follow these expectations.** If you cannot follow them, please talk to the staff about finding a temporary home for your animal while you transition back into housing. You should expect that staff will enforce these expectations fairly and consistently with every participant and every animal.

**If you are unable to meet these expectations, we will ask to find a temporary home for your animal while you transition back into housing.**

- **Pets and animals are the sole responsibility of you, the owner.** You're responsible for all actions and behavior of your animal, even if you allow someone else to care for your animal. You agree to keep the animal with you and under your control at all times.
- 1 animal is allowed per person upon entering the program. This includes future births. You should not acquire an animal while you're in the program.
- You agree to have the animal up-to-date on all immunizations within the next 30 days. Staff can help you find free and low-cost resources.
- Your animal must be on a hand-held leash or in a pet carrier at all times. There is no exception to this expectation.
- You agree to provide adequate and regular food, water, and veterinary care. We will happily provide resources when they are available – just ask the staff.
- If a medical issue arises for your pet(s), such as fleas, we may refer you to a veterinary clinic or provide you with treatment and ask that you treat your pet before returning. Animals will not be treated indoors.
- Animals should be housebroken. You agree to clean up after your animal and to dispose of animal waste properly and promptly.
- You agree to keep your pet from being unnecessarily noisy, aggressive, or causing an annoyance or discomfort to any humans or animals in the program. You agree to promptly attempt to remedy any concerns made by the staff.
- Animals displaying aggressive behavior or rough-playing may be asked to wear a muzzle at all times while in the program. If staff ask this of you and your animal and you do not want to muzzle your animal, staff will ask you to find a temporary home for your animal while you transition back into housing.
- You agree to not let animals breed or reproduce onsite.
- You agree to keep the animal in your bed space and out of fire lanes. Your bed space shall be clean and clear of loose pet food and cat litter. All food should be covered and away when not in use.
- If pets are unnecessarily aggressive, noisy, causing a disturbance, and/or have received multiple warnings for the behaviors listed above, we will ask that you find a temporary home for your animal while you transition back into housing.

Name:	Signature:
Animal name:	Date:
Type of animal:	Staff initials: