



PET DOG VISITATION POLICY

Residents or patients desiring to have their pet dog visit must adhere to the following procedures:

- Prior to the visit, the dog owner must submit to the Therapeutic Recreation Department the most recent medical and vaccination history on an official letterhead from the veterinarian. If the dog is ill, they will not be permitted to enter the facility. Once the Therapeutic Recreation Department receives the medical history, they will develop an index card with the resident's/patient's name and room number as well as the dog's name and breed. This index card approving the animal visit will be kept at the reception desk.
- The person bringing the dog in must sign in as a visitor.
- The dog must be kept on a short leash at all times. If the pet is brought in a carry bag, they must remain in such until the visitor reaches the resident's/patient's room. No pets are allowed on any facility furniture.
- In the event the roommate of the resident receiving the pet visitation is fearful, allergic or against the visit, the pet visit will take place in an alternate area.
- Cleaning of soiling from pets, both inside and outside the building, is the responsibility of the dog's owner, or person bringing in the pet. The person bringing in the pet must also bring in cleaning materials and disinfectant.
- As Gurwin is a healthcare facility, the dog owner must refrain from having other residents pet the animal, since the dog's behavior might change towards unfamiliar people. Once the pet visit is over, the resident/patient must wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer.
- Visiting dogs will not be permitted in areas where food is prepared, nor are they allowed in rooms during food distribution/consumption. At no time will pet visits be allowed on resident's/patient's beds, in the laundry area, utensil storage or food preparation areas.