

Pet Owner/Handler Acknowledgement

This policy is to permit pets on the Sherwood Oaks Campus by either living with a resident in a patio home or apartment or by visiting a resident in Independent Living, Skilled Nursing, Personal Care or the Oak Grove Center. The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe environment for residents, visitors and employees regarding pets on campus including infection control guidelines.

1. Pets are not permitted in any dining area, café, the medical office, the oak lodge, the oak lodge guest rooms, patio home suites, inside the Summer House or behind the reception desk. They are also not permitted on furniture in any public area.
2. A pet owner/ handler must accompany the pet at all times during the visit. The owner/ handler is responsible for the control and behavior of the animal. The owner/handler must pick up and dispose of pet waste in plastic bags and discard of them in the pet waste stations located outside each trash room and at the Summer House.
3. Dogs and cats over the age of three months must have evidence of current rabies immunizations. Vaccines producing immunity for less than three years must be repeated annually. Vaccines producing immunity for three years must be repeated every three years. A copy of the current immunization records must be given to the Security Department.
4. The pet must be healthy, clean, well-groomed and free of ticks and fleas.
5. Pets must be on a leash on a leash at all times. Leashes may not exceed six feet in length. Cats must remain indoors, they are not permitted to be outside cats.
6. If a pet visits a resident's room, all room occupants must agree to the visit.
7. All persons handling the pet must wash their hands with soap and water.
8. Sherwood Oaks reserve the right to deny access to or require the removal of a pet in the following situations:
 - a. Animal is unruly or disruptive (jumping, biting, overly frisky or other harmful or unsafe behavior).
 - b. Animal does not have proof of current rabies vaccinations.
 - c. Animal appears to be sick, dirty or infested with fleas or ticks.
 - d. Care and supervision cannot be provided independently by the owner/handler.
 - e. Visitation is not compatible with resident's clinical condition.

I have read and understand the above information.

Owner/ Handler Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date