



Policy and Procedure # 470

Pets in Client's Home

Approval: _____

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POLICY:

EFI strives to provide our clients safe, comfortable, efficient, and high-quality services. EFI recognizes that pets are essential to some of our clients' lives. This policy is a guideline for pets living in or visiting supported living homes to provide for the safety, health, and happiness of our clients and their pets.

PROCEDURE:

Because pets affect more than just the owner, these conditions must be met to keep a safe environment for clients and employees. The following rules apply to any pets or service animals living in or visiting a supported living home.

1. Client's pets:

- A. Clients seeking to own a pet should discuss the matter with the Residential Director. The Residential Director, Residential Supervisor, and the client will discuss the responsibilities and concerns of owning a pet. If the client is able and still desires to own a pet, the Residential Director will ensure the following guidelines are met:
 1. The client must seek Landlord approval for any pet to live in the client's home.
 2. Any pet must have regular examinations and immunizations appropriate for the species by a veterinarian licensed in Washington State.
 3. Pets must be certified by a veterinarian to be free of diseases transmittable to humans.
 4. No other client of the home has allergies or fears that are adversely affected by the presence of the pet.
 5. The pet owner is responsible for caring for, feeding, and maintaining the pet and its habitat.
 6. If the pet owner is absent for 24 hours or more, they must arrange for the care of their pet during the absence.
 7. Pets that cause injury to clients or employees will be removed from the home.

2. Employee Pets:

EFI is responsible for assuring the health and safety of all employees and their clients. In



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keeping with this objective, EFI does not permit employees to bring their household pets to the clients' homes.