



**FACILITY EVALUATION
For All Approved Animals**

Handler: _____ Pet's Name: _____

Facility: _____ Evaluator: _____

Dates: Observation visit (without pet): _____ 1st Pet Visit: _____ 2nd Pet Visit: _____

P = PASS F = FAIL

During each visit, the pet must not, at any time, display any overt displays of inappropriate behavior. Inappropriate behavior in dogs, pigs, cats, and small animals includes but is not limited to: growling, hissing, raising of lips in a snarl, biting, clawing, attempts to pull handler away, continuously backing up, excessive urination, excessive whining/crying, and/or two or more of the following: raised fur, flattened ears, stiff-legged posture.

Inappropriate behavior in horses and llamas includes but it not limited to: lifting a front leg to strike, kicking with back leg, attempting to bite, lunging with ears pinned toward a person, inability to stand still, frequent defecation, frequent high pitched whinnying, inability to stop any of the following: spinning around handler in a frantic manner, pulling handler, eyes very wide with whites showing around eyes (unrelated to breed of horse), hypersensitivity to being touched, excessive head tossing, pawing or stomping.

Such displays will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

- 1. **PROLONGED INTERACTION**
The pet must be able to quietly tolerate and give attention to 15 minutes of one-on-one interaction with various facility residents. It is not acceptable for the pet to continuously attempt to pull away from the handler and/or resident during this period. During a normal visit the pet should be able to visit for at least 15 minutes at a time with a short break in between if necessary.

- 2. **FRIENDLY APPROACH**
The pet must approach people it does not know in a friendly manner, which includes an overall lack of fear and apprehension.

- 3. VARIOUS SURFACES
The pet is able to tolerate various surfaces. If the pet will be walking through the facility, it must be able to walk on tiled, linoleum, wood or carpeted flooring without signs of stress or attempts to get off the surface. Small animals, including small dogs or other animals, who will be held during their visit must be able to tolerate being on surfaces such as a person's lap, bed, table and chair unless the handler is able to securely hold the animal for the entire visit in a position that enables residents to pet it. If the pet is unable to tolerate various surfaces, it may be approved for outdoor visits only.

- 4. MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS
The pet must not display any signs of aggression or fear when approached by or presented to multiple people.

- 5. APPARATUS
The pet must not display any signs of aggression or irresolvable fear when approached by or brought beside or in front of a person using a wheelchair, walker, crutches cane and/or other medical articles.

- 6. HANDLER CONTROL
The handler must show ability to control his/her pet by maintaining possession of the pet at all times and displaying constant awareness of where his/her pet is.

- 7. PLACEMENT OF ANIMAL
The handler must show ability to position the pet appropriately and without force so that the pet can be reached for petting or interaction with humans in various positions, such as sitting in a wheelchair or at a table, lying in a bed, or standing.

- 8. LEAVE IT (for canines only)
When presented with a desired item such as a toy or food, the dog must be able to "leave it" on command. If there is no such item already on the floor at the facility at any of the visits, the handler will demonstrate the dog's ability to perform this action by placing a toy or food that he/she has brought and then issuing the command.

THE OVERALL DETERMINATION FOR THIS PET IS (circle one): PASS FAIL

Evaluator/Board Member Signature

Date

Evaluator: Please write any additional comments you have regarding the evaluation and volunteer team below. If the team has failed, please indicate the specifics as well.

Evaluator Comments: _____

