



Cooper's House Agreement Between Client and Shelter

Name of Resident _____ Client ID Number _____ Date of Intake _____

The Domestic Violence Intervention Program Shelter agrees to accept from the above-named shelter resident, and the following pets into Cooper's House for sheltering:

| Pet Name | Species/Breed | Age | Gender | Vaccinated |
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The pets listed above are allowed to stay at no cost at the shelter for the duration of your stay at DVIP. If resident's pets require immediate medical care upon entry to the shelter, or during their stay, due to illness or injury, the resident will be responsible for the cost of services that is provided. ***Please be advised that the shelter may be required to report animal abuse to the appropriate law enforcement authorities, including providing any veterinary records supplied or produced as a result of the resident's pet staying at Cooper's House. These records may be provided to law enforcement or to the prosecutor's office for use in court, if animal cruelty charges arise.***

In exchange for Cooper's House providing care to a resident's pet, the resident agrees to release DVIP, its employees, volunteers, board of directors, and all funding agencies for responsibility and liability for loss, illness or injury that may arise during the pet's stay at Cooper's House. This release extends and applies to all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability and the consequences of them. This release does not extend to violations of the law and any injuries or suffering the resident's pet receives as a direct consequence of a violation of law.

Animals that are not able to be housed at Cooper's House may have arrangements made through Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center (ICACAC) to provide the best and safest services to your pet. In the event of an animal being housed at or through ICACAC the confidentiality of the pet owners' location (at the DVIP shelter) will remain in effect and such confidentiality with the pet(s) in the care of ICACAC. ICACAC is, therefore, not permitted to disclose to anyone that it is caring for a pet under this agreement.

Throughout my and my pets stay at DVIP and Cooper's House, I, as the pet owner, am responsible for meeting the needs of my pet. DVIP is not responsible for the care of animals housed in Cooper's House.

I, _____, as a resident of DVIP agree to comply with Cooper's House policies for residents with pets.

 Shelter Resident Signature

 Date

 Advocate Signature

 Date



Cooper’s House Policies for Residents with Pets

Please remember that the safe housing of your pet through Cooper’s House is a privilege, and not a right, so please adhere to these procedures during your stay:

- ❖ Be respectful of other residents who may not welcome the presence of a family pet or may have allergies to your pet. Therefore, pets must remain in specified areas within shelter property
- ❖ Clients are responsible for meeting the needs of their pet. This includes providing appropriate food, water, exercise, scooping/changing of litter and playtime
- ❖ If your pet frequently barks or meows frequently, please advise staff upon your entry to shelter so that appropriate accommodations can be made
- ❖ If your pet requires immediate medical care upon entry to the shelter or during the pets’ stay at the shelter, notify staff immediately. You may be responsible for the cost of any medical care that the veterinarian provides
- ❖ Supervise your children around all pets housed at the shelter
- ❖ For the safety of your pet and other residents, access to animals is limited to specifically designated and trained staff and volunteers, and the client who owns the pet
- ❖ Provide a copy of each pet’s current vaccination records when checking in to the shelter or within 48 hours of arrival. If your pet is not current on vaccinations, please notify staff immediately so that we may assist you in getting them

Upon your departure from the shelter, you must take your pet with you. If you are unable to do so, talk to staff so that we may assist you in making arrangements for your pet.

If any of these policies are violated during your stay, the DVIP has the right to require you to find alternative placement for your pet.

DVIP is not responsible for the care of pets while housed at Cooper’s House. I, as the pet owner, am responsible for responding to the needs of my pet. If I am unable to do so, DVIP and Cooper’s House may require to find other housing for my pet.

I, _____, as a resident of DVIP agree to comply with Cooper’s House policies for residents with pets.

Shelter Resident Signature Date

Advocate Signature Date