

**FATHER JOE'S VILLAGES
ANIMAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Resident: _____ Badge #: _____

Animal's Name: _____ Species: _____

***Note – a separate acknowledgement is completed for each animal**

Check type of Animal:

Pet or Emotional Support Animal or Service Animal

I, _____ (hereafter referred to as "Resident" or "I")
acknowledge and understand that I am responsible for all actions of or related to my Pet/
Emotional Support Animal/Service Animal (hereafter collectively referred to as "Animal"),
including but not limited to:

- Resident will not permit Animal to cause any damage to the property.
- Animal must be housebroken. Resident will ensure Animal uses the Village-designated area(s) for elimination purposes and will immediately clean up and properly dispose of the waste. Note: Dogs must be trained to eliminate outside or on a training pad in a crate. Cats must be trained to eliminate in a litter box. Training pads on the floor are not an acceptable method of demonstrating Animal is housebroken.
- Animal must be always under control. Resident agrees to always keep Animal on a leash or other restraint in cubicles or whenever it is outside of Resident's bed area. Small animals (e.g., rodents, reptiles, birds, etc.) must be safely confined in an appropriate, secure cage or tank with clean cage material/bedding.
- If Resident leaves Animal unattended in the bed area, Animal must be humanely confined in an appropriately sized crate provided by Resident. The Humane Society of the United States defines an appropriately sized crate as "just large enough for (Animal) to stand up and turn around".¹ In programs with available funding specifically intended for the purchase of pet supplies, a crate may be available to borrow.

¹ http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/crate_training.html

- **Pets** do not have access to staff offices, other programs (e.g., Therapeutic Childcare, Employment and Education Services, etc.), or communal spaces (e.g. dining room, TV rooms, etc.) except the bed area and the path of travel in and out of the building.
- Resident will provide food for Animal and will ensure fresh water is regularly accessible. Note: Food bowls must be kept clean, and food must be stored in a sealed container so that it does not attract pests. Food must be indicated for consumption by an animal and will not be provided by the Village, except for programs with available funding specifically intended for the purchase of pet supplies. See Residential Staff for assistance with food for Animal. "Human food" stored in Resident's living space will be considered a violation of program rules and will result in a permanent point.
- Resident is responsible for providing regular medical care and basic grooming services, to include regular flea preventative measures, to Animal when needed. Note: Volunteer veterinarians and animal welfare organizations provide preventative care services on-site regularly. Services are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. See residential program bulletin boards for details.
- Resident is responsible for providing proof of current rabies vaccine within 10 days of entry into the program. This requirement is waived if Animal is a species that is not required to be vaccinated for rabies in the City of San Diego. In programs with available funding specifically intended for pet vaccination, assistance with vaccination expenses may be available. See Residential Staff for information.
- In the event of an emergency, Resident gives consent for Animal to be released to the following individual(s):

Name

Phone

- If Animal is perceived as abandoned and emergency contact listed above cannot be reached or will not take Animal; or, if Animal shows any signs of neglect or abuse, animal welfare authorities will be contacted.

By signing below, I am confirming that I have read and understand the foregoing as an Animal owner for the duration of my stay at the Village. I understand that, should my animal pose as a direct threat to the health or safety of others or if my animal is out of control and I do not take effective action to control it, my animal will be asked to leave the Village immediately. I also understand that I am responsible for all actions of my Animal, including harm caused by the Animal to other people.

Resident

Date