



Pet Companion Shelter Guidelines for Cat Participants

We are committed to creating a secure environment where every tail wags with joy. These guidelines are essential to protect the well-being of the pets and staff, while fostering a positive and responsible pet ownership culture within the community.

1. Vaccinations: You are required to provide proof of current vaccines within 7-10 days of arrival.

The following outlines steps to occur:

- **Participant Reports Previous Vaccinations without Records:** If a participant is unable to provide vaccine records, but states the animal has previously been vaccinated: The information will be provided to the vet to make a determination on next steps to ensure safety of pet and community.
- **Outdated Vaccination Record:** If the participant provides a vaccination record and the vet determines the vaccines are outdated, the participant must coordinate with staff to have their pet vaccinated.

Sojourner Center will cover the cost of vaccines and provide transportation to and from the vet as needed. The participant understands that failure to have the animal vaccinated in this timeframe may result in discontinuation of the animal's participation in the program.

Vaccines are administered as follows:

- Dogs: Bordetella (Kennel cough), Rabies, K-9 DAPPv vaccine (K9 combo)
- Cats: Feline HCP (feline combo), Feline Leukemia, Rabies, blood draw to test for FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus)

2. ADA Guidelines on Service Animals (ada.gov):

- The ADA does not require covered entities to modify policies, practices, or procedures if it would “fundamentally alter” the nature of goods, services, programs, or activities provided to the public.
 - The ADA requires that service animals be under control of the handler at all times.
 - If a service animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, staff may request that the animal be removed from the premises.
3. In order to observe for possible contagious diseases, cats will quarantine in the PCS cat room for 10 days. During this time, they will be vaccinated and tested for FIV.
 4. If FIV negative, cats may free roam the cat room during the day. You are encouraged to spend time with your cat family members, as they desire. For safety purposes, cats must be secured in their condos at night.
 5. We ask that the PCS gate code not be shared with children under the age of 18.
 6. Safe, comfortable common areas and play yards are provided for the animals.
 7. For liability purposes, children under 18 MUST be supervised by their parent or guardian.
 8. If your pet is posing a direct threat to the safety of others, is disruptive and interfering with programming or the provision of services, or is creating an unsanitary condition, staff may request that your pet be removed from shelter.
 9. Please be respectful of common areas in the pet shelter and be sure to tidy up after your visit

with your pet family member.

10. Please remember that for safety and liability reasons, we ask that you only interact with your own animal. Do not feed or play with another participant's animal.
11. If you are off site for more than a day, you must find safe, appropriate care for your pet. Other participants are not able to take on that responsibility. If you need support with this please contact pet shelter staff. Pet shelter staff is not in on weekends, so it is your responsibility to care for your cat during those two days.
12. If needing support with a service/ESA animal, PCS staff can assist. (Needing documents, resources, etc.).
13. I will follow the guidelines outlined above if I utilize the PCS.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I read and understand the above agreements. I recognize that not following these guidelines could impact my ability to used shared pet spaces and access Pet Companion Services.

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____