

## Social Services Animal Visitation Policy

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## **POLICY:**

The North Dakota Veterans Home recognizes the positive physiological effect of humananimal interaction and strives to provide a safe environment that allows interaction with pets in order to promote socialization, motivation, and increased sense of well-being of resident.

## **PROCEDURE**:

- 1) Any person wishing to bring a pet for a visit should contact any social services staff or management/supervisor.
- 2) The Animal Visitation responsibilities and release form will be reviewed with that person and signed. See attachment Form #06.
- 3) The decision to allow an animal access to the Veterans Home will be made on a case by case basis. This decision can be made by any management/supervisor staff.

Reference Form: #06 Animal Visitation Responsibilities