

# HEBREW HOME AT RIVERDALE GUIDELINES FOR VISITING PETS

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## PET PALS PROGRAM

Your dog is welcome to visit at the Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale! Pet visits have proven to be therapeutic and enjoyable for residents, pets and owners. Our residents are always alert for visits by animals, and react with enthusiasm and love. Pets have proven themselves to be valuable companions to people, and we want to continue this relationship!

We are inviting dogs to participate in our “*Pet Pals*” program. We have **three** different programs. Please decide which program is best for you and your pet.

### 1. Pet Visitors

If you and your pet will be visiting your relative only, the dog is registered but the owner need not register as a volunteer.

### 2. Pets and People Together

If you and your pet would like to visit residents throughout the Hebrew Home, the dog is registered, and the owner registers as a volunteer and accompanies the dog on his/her scheduled visits.

### 3. Pets Alone

Once the dog is accepted into this program, he/she is accompanied on the visits and the activities with a member of our regular Therapeutic Staff. His/her visits are scheduled into our weekly activity schedules, and the dog becomes an active member of the Therapeutic Activities Program.

All three programs require the following prior to the first visit.

- Veterinary documentation for your pet must be current and on file in the Volunteer Services Department.
- The Volunteer Services Department must interview the pet and owner; unfortunately, not all pets are appropriate for visiting in a nursing home. The dog will be observed for responses to various situations that he/she may encounter on the units: noise, petting, unpredictable movements, comfort with wheelchairs and walkers, unfamiliar smells. If the interview is successful, pets will receive a bandanna identifying them as an “official” pet.

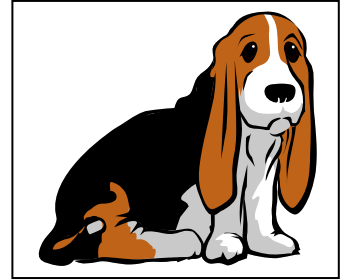
**The following points are of the utmost importance regarding your pets:**

1. **Pets are not allowed in any of the eating areas at the Home.**
2. **At all times pets are to be kept on their leashes.**
3. **Please clean up after your pets when they are outside.**

Thank you for your interest in our Pet Pals Program! We hope that your visits with your pet are rewarding and enriching. For further information, please contact the Volunteer Services Department, at (718) 581-1404.



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## Visiting Pets Application

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Resident visited: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Please list two (2) Emergency Contacts for the Owner:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please always remember that pets are not allowed in any of the dining areas. Pets are to be kept on their leashes at all times and clean up after your pets when they are outside.

### **Pet Pals**

*(Please check the program in which you will be participating)*

- 1) \_\_\_\_ Pets & People Together
- 2) \_\_\_\_ Pets Alone
- 3) \_\_\_\_ Pet Visitors

I have read and understand the guidelines for visiting pets:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature



## **Pet Pals Agreement**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of pet: \_\_\_\_\_

The Hebrew Home invites animals that have been trained and properly inoculated to visit our grounds and premises. All pets must be registered with the Volunteer Department be on leashes at all times and wear identification tags. The following information must be submitted prior to entering the facility:

1. Copy of Veterinarian Health Record showing that all shots are current
2. A signed release form stating the following:

The pet owner shall be fully responsible for and shall indemnify and save harmless The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, its affiliated entities and divisions, its directors, officers and employees, against any and all claims, demands, obligations and expenses as a result of or incidental to the pet's actions while on the grounds or premises of this facility.

The Hebrew Home at Riverdale reserves the right to prohibit any pet from entering the facility that has exhibited, even on just one occasion, any potentially harmful or dangerous behavior toward any person (resident, visitor, or staff\_ while on the property. Such behavior includes but is not limited to uncontrolled barking, snarling, snapping, biting, etc.

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### **Agreed and Accepted:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of pet

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Hebrew Home at Riverdale

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Date