

Pet Containment Policy

Purpose

Pets add to the enrichment of life and have proven benefits to health. However, when entering a home with a pet it is not always predictable how an animal will react to someone entering their territory. Besides bites and scratches, pets can present other risks to City/County/Utility staff such as allergic reactions, flea and tick exposures and tripping hazards.

To protect staff, clients and the pets it is important to follow these guidelines:

1. All new intake assessments must include an inventory of pets. The intake assessment should take place by telephone or online before any visit is scheduled and documented. This should consider the type of animal, where the pet usually resides and rabies vaccination history for dogs and cats. The intake should include a review of how the pet will be secured for visits per the stipulations detailed in this pet containment policy.
2. ALL pets must be securely confined. This means that the pet has been placed in an area that safely separates the pet from the employee.
 - a. Dogs are considered securely confined if they are physically separated behind a latched door, stable fence, or a closed and latched gate. Dogs may also be in an enclosed crate. A dog that is restrained by a leash or rope is NOT considered securely confined unless the dog is also confined or separated as described above.
 - b. Cats, birds, reptiles or other pets shall be placed in an enclosed cage, crate or separate room during the visit.
 - c. Once secured, the pet may not be let out during the visit.
3. Prior to entering the home, staff should contact the homeowner to let them know of the arrival time so the homeowner can secure the pet(s).
4. Before staff enters the home, the homeowner needs to ensure pets are secured per agreement
 - a. If pets are not secured as agreed upon, staff may not enter the home and the issue will be reported to their supervisor. If, after staff enter the property, they determine that pets do not remain secured, they should immediately leave the property and not return until such time as compliance with this policy can be determined.
 - b. Multiple violations of the agreement may result in termination of services.
 - c. Pet owners may also be held liable for expenses incurred for the treatment of injuries caused by pets.

Pet Containment Policy Agreement for In Home Services

I, _____, assume all responsibility for providing supervision for the pet(s) listed in this agreement and I agree to notify _____ of any pet(s) that I may add over the term of this agreement.

Additionally, I agree to the following:

- I will assume any and all liability and responsibility for any actions of, or related to, said pet.
- All pets shall be confined according to the intake survey during the whole duration of the service visit.
- I will maintain yearly pet examinations and provide accurate records about my pet's vaccinations (every year after 30 days of initially signing this agreement).
Not required for one-time visits.

List of Pets or other Animals Kept in the Home:

Pet	Type	Containment
Max	Dog/Labrador	Locked in crate in second bedroom

I have received my copy of and read the entire **Pet Containment Policy** including the policy and rationale. By signing below, I agree to all of the terms and conditions of the policy.

Pet Owner: _____

Date: _____

Staff Director: _____