**Pet Accommodation and Care Agreement**

The older person has requested to bring their pet with them into the Residential Aged Care Home (RACH) to maintain the emotional bond and reap the benefits from pets in care. (*Aged Care Provider* *– enter name*) agrees to this request with the following provisions.

1. The pet has an agreed guarantor signed by the older person, (*Aged Care Provider*) and guarantor.
2. The pet has veterinarian with an established patient and vet relationship, which is planned to continue for the future. Annual and as required visits, as well as all requirements for vaccination and parasite treatment are understood to be under the care of the vet.
3. The pet undertakes both physical (including up to date vaccines and parasite treatments) and behavioral/temperament assessment preadmission and is approved for residential living by an (*Aged Care Provider*) approved assessor and the pet’s veterinarian. The cost of this assessment is to be met by the older person.
4. There is a maximum trial period of one month, after which time a decision will be made on whether the pet is suitable to stay in the residence. If the pet is deemed unsuitable it will become the responsibility of the guarantor immediately.

Note: If at any time the pet requires re-assessment and is deemed unsuitable to continue residing in the home it will become the responsibility of the guarantor immediately.

1. The older person undertakes a pre-admission (and as required) assessment to determine ability and safety to manage a pet. The assessment is undertaken by the older person’s GP, home physiotherapist and is approved by the (*Aged Care Provider– enter name*).
2. Should the older person no longer be able to care for the pet, the pet will become the immediate responsibility of the guarantor and must be collected immediately.

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Note: Discussions around alternate pet ownership may occur, however will require the sign off from all initial agreeing parties. If a new ownership is to occur within a RACF, new agreements will need to be established and signed with appropriate parties.

1. The behaviour management and whereabouts of the pet is the responsibility of the older person and management must follow the risk assessment and pet care plan.
2. All daily and ongoing pet care needs in accordance with the pet care plan are the responsibility of the older person and guarantor.
3. All daily and ongoing pet costs including but not limited to, food, litter/waste management, grooming, veterinary bills and vaccinations/medications are the responsibility of the older person and guarantor.
4. An additional pet supplement fee (established by the (*Aged Care Provider– enter name*) is to be invoiced and paid to the (*Aged Care Provider– enter name*) (annually/quarterly/monthly) to accommodate the pet, cover additional annual (and as required) cleaning expenses and factor any assistance that may be required from staff.
5. Any breachers to the agreement will result in further assessment, discussion and possible removal of the pet from the RACF.

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| **Older Person Name:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
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| **Guarantor Name:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
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| **Aged Care Provider Name:** |  |
| **RACH Manager Name:** |  |
| **RACH Manager Signature:** |  |
|  | **(Approved Aged Care Provider)** |