



ON PET VISITATION DAY

- The animal is to be clean, healthy, and well groomed (including trimmed nails, recently bathed and combed).
- Hand hygiene will be performed by the Patient and visitors before and after each animal contact. Visits are to be limited to a maximum of one (1) hour (animals can be stressed in unfamiliar environments leading to unpredictable behavior). Attempt to keep environmental stimuli to a minimum.
- Check with the nursing unit to ensure an appropriate time for the Resident to have a pet visitation.
- Allow the pet to urinate and defecate prior to entering the building.
- The pet is to be on a leash, in a kennel or covered carrier for transport into the health care facility.
- The pet will be transported directly to and from the unit being visited and is only to visit with the Resident approved for the visitation.
- Follow the direction of the Charge Nurse regarding the length of the visit and leave if requested.
- If it is determined that the pet's behaviour is disruptive, the visitation will be ended immediately.