



## Pet Application Form

### WIKSAHIQU?IT SECOND STAGE HOUSING

#### **Sage Haven Society, Wiiksaqu?it Second Stage Housing Pet Accessibility - Protocol & Guidelines**

The link between domestic violence and abuse of animals is well known. Many women with pets who need Sage Haven's support services are reluctant to use off-site pet care, and some will stay in an abusive relationship rather than be parted from their pet.

The intent of **Wiiksaqu?it** Sage Haven's Second Stage Housing Pet Accessibility project is to increase access to the **Program** for women with pets, within guidelines that promote safety, hygiene, and comfort for all.

*Certified Service Dogs for Persons with Disabilities* will be accommodated in the program in accordance with the separate Service Dog protocol.

#### **The following pets are allowed:**

- Cats (maximum 2 with same owner/in residence at any time)
- Dogs (maximum 2 with same owner/in residence at any time)

#### **On a case-by-case basis:**

- Caged birds
- Caged rodents

#### **Prohibited pets:**

- Pets that are not neutered or spayed.
- Livestock or any animal intended for human consumption.
- Exotic animals such as snakes, lizards, spiders, etc.

#### **Pet Behaviour & Health:**

Sage Haven Society Second Stage housing may refuse pets that are aggressive, incontinent, infested with parasites, or if the animal's needs are beyond the capacity of the Program to support. Pets must be free of fleas prior to intake at the Sage Haven Society Second Stage housing. Pets must be neutered (proof of which to be provided by veterinarian and vaccinated).

Where infestation or other serious health related concerns are suspected, the Sage Haven Second Stage housing reserves the right to request veterinary services treat and/or certify the pet's health as a condition of the pet's stay in the Second Stage Housing. Referrals will be provided to access supporting community businesses for bathing, vaccinations, etc.

Staff may refuse entry of any pet that they believe poses a threat to the health or safety of staff or other residents.

No pet (other than a Certified Service Dog for Persons with Disabilities) is permitted in any common areas of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage housing, other than as stipulated below.

### **Location of Pets on Property**

Approved pets are only permitted in the building in the client's unit and outside in the Pet area (with owners' presence and supervision).

- Pets are only allowed in the client's unit and outdoor pet area.
- For the purposes of entering and exiting the building Pets must be leashed or caged until within the secure designated areas.
- Dogs may be given off-leash time in the outdoor pet area, provided they are closely supervised by owner. Owners must remove all feces immediately and dispose in outside garbage can.

### **Responsibilities of Pet Owners:**

The owner is fully responsible for all aspects of pet care, including feeding and cleaning up after the pet.

- The owner will not solicit pet care from co-residents.
- Staff are not responsible for the care of pets.
- Ensure pets are always wearing an identification collar.
- Ensure pets are not chained or left unattended anywhere with the residential property.
- Utmost care must be taken to avoid damage to the premises. Owners must supervise their pet to ensure that the likelihood of the pet experiencing anxiety and causing damage is minimized.
- If pets cause disturbance (i.e., barking, scratching) or damage (i.e., clawing, digging), staff will support the owner to identify strategies to minimize problematic behaviour.
- Problems that persist may result in end of pet stay.
- All feces in the designated pet area or on any area of the property must be bagged immediately and disposed of in outside garbage can.
- Cat litter pans must be changed frequently, with contents bagged and put into outside garbage can.
- The owner will take timely action to address parasites (fleas and ticks) infestation.
- Staff are entitled to a reasonable level of safety during the course of their work. At no time will the pet (or their cages or crates) restrict this right or create a safety hazard.

### **Removal of Pets:**

Second Stage Housing may require a pet owner to remove a pet from the property, or may end the stay of the pet if these rules are breached or the owner fails to care for the pet, or the pet:

- Causes noises or obnoxious odours which disturb other residents or neighbours.
- Causes a health hazard to other persons.
- Urinates or defecates anywhere within the building.
- Urinates or defecates anywhere other than the designated allowed areas.
- Bites, claws, aggressively pursues, or otherwise harms any person or other pet.
- The pet owner fails to rectify an infestation of fleas or other parasites.

### **Abandoned or Uncared-for Pets:**

Pets that are not removed at the time of the end of the resident stay (including absent outtake) will be referred to the local SPCA.

Pets that are being neglected (basic needs not met) or abused by their owner will be referred to the local SPCA.

### **Liability of Program Resident:**

The pet owner is liable for any damage done to the building or harm done to persons caused by the pet.

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Name of Applicant:

Name of Pet	Species/Breed	Weight	Sex	Spayed/Neutered?	Age

Attach a copy of the documentation of the animals spayed or neutered records is required.

Emergency Contact Name/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian Name/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it safe for Sage Haven Society staff to contact your veterinarian to obtain records on your pet(s)?

YES  NO

Did your abusive partner threaten your pet(s)?

YES  NO  N/A

If yes, please describe:

If yes, has this impacted on your pets' behaviors?

YES  NO

Did your abusive partner harm your pet(s)?

YES  NO  N/A

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, has this impacted on your pets' behaviors?

YES  NO

Did your children see or hear your pet(s) being harmed?

YES  NO  N/A

Are your pets' vaccinations current?

YES  NO

If no, list the vaccinations that need updating:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Have your cats been vaccinated for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus?

YES  NO

Results and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your pet must be current with its immunizations?

Copy of documents must be provided

**YES**

**NO**

List any behavioral issues with your pet(s) (e.g., Excessive noise, aggression, fearful of strangers, separation anxiety, etc.):

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Do your pets have any medical conditions?

**YES**

**NO**

If yes, please describe the ailments and current treatment:

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How have your pets been housed at your home (e.g., Crate-trained, indoor/outdoor pets, outdoor only pets, etc.)?

**YES**

**NO**

Please describe:

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Have your pets received flea/tick/parasite prevention treatment?

**YES**

**NO**

Are your pets house-trained/litterbox trained?

**YES**

**NO**

If no, describe what accommodations are needed:

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Have your pets bitten anyone?

**YES**

**NO**

If yes, describe the circumstances (including the date the bite(s) occurred):

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How do your pets interact with other animals? Please explain:

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Have your pets been aggressive towards other animals or humans? **YES**  **NO**

If yes, describe the circumstances:

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The pet owner understands and agrees to the following. Pet owners accept full liability for any aggressive behavior or damage caused by their pet, which includes damage done to the building or harm to people or other pets.

I have read, understood and certify the information to be true and accurate:

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

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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