

	3.1.9	PETS ON PREMISES	Effective: 10/74 Revised: 06/09; 09/16; 08/21, 09/23, 09/24 Reviewed/Apprd by Bd. of Dir.: 08/26  Teddi Hernandez, President/CEO
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Policy Statement:

Pets provide therapeutic value and companionship which is consistent with Lakemary Center's (LMC) commitment to the person's supported.

Policy:

In any organizational controlled living location, it is the policy of LMC to have a written plan for care and maintenance whenever animals are kept on the premises. Animals shall have current immunizations as recommended by a veterinarian. The pet owner must take responsibility for the pet, with that responsibility specifically outlined in their person-centered support plan. Due to the fact our organizationally controlled sites are not individual apartment units LMC must consider how pets may impact the livability of the environment for all people in that environment. Special attention will be given to possible health complications (pet allergies), personal fears, and phobias, as well as the pet-related choices of the people living in the environment. Please see departmental procedure manuals for specific protocol.

LMC Ranch does house animals. These animals are used in various therapeutic activities for many people supported by LMC. Each person, their therapist/case manager, and their support team determine which activities and which animals will provide the desired therapeutic support and document this decision in each person's person-centered support plan/treatment plan.

Policy reference: None

Procedure reference: Adult Services Procedure Manual
PRTF Procedure Manual

Application: All services