

PATHWAYS ABILITIES SOCIETY

POLICY: PETS IN HOMES

Applies to: All Homes Personnel

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Board Member's Signature

PREAMBLE

The intent of this policy is to provide guidance to staff in determining whether or not to introduce a pet(s) into home situation.

POLICY

Although the introduction of a pet into a home may at the outset be seen as beneficial to a particular individual or the whole group, each request for inclusion of pets will be dealt with individually.

The following will be taken into consideration:

- Did the person or persons living in the home make the request for a pet?
- Is the person able to financially support the costs associated with owning a pet?
- Are the other persons happy with having a pet in the home?
- Will the pet present a health or safety hazard to other persons in the home (i.e. allergies, asthma)?

Staff will assist home members to care and nurture their pets.