TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
SCHOOL MEDICINE- VOLUNTEER SERVICES

ANIMAL THERAPY PROGRAM

Report To: Volunteer Services

1. Participation in the Animal Therapy Program requires compliance with the following criteria:
    a. For a scheduled visit, the volunteer/handler must report to the Volunteer Services Office to:
        i. Pick up a visitor's badge
        ii. Verify necessary paperwork is current
        iii. Sign in
    b. Facility Guidelines:
        i. A copy of current annual health records will be kept in Volunteer Services. All records will be updated annually.
        ii. Handlers/dogs or cats will be members of Therapy Dog International, the Delta Society, or an equivalent that provides liability insurance coverage of the handler/dogs or cats as a benefit or membership. Proof of membership is required.
        iii. Any dog or cat bite must be reported to the Regional Institutional Personnel Health Unit. Additionally, Safety Services must be notified.
            1. Volunteer/Handler will ensure an occurrence report is completed if necessary. The Volunteer Office can assist in completion of the form if needed.

    c. Dog or Cat Guidelines:
        i. Complete a veterinary screening with written proof of vaccinations which must be dated and performed annually.
        ii. Must have proof of current rabies vaccination and fecal exam with a copy provided to Volunteer Services. all external
        v. Must wear a collar, leash and therapy ID during animals may be kept in a carrier.
        vi. Must be housebroken.