

## **Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) - Informed Consent Form**

THERAPY DOG INFORMATION	CLIENT INFORMATION
Name:	Name:
Gender:	Gender:
Breed:	Age:
Age:	Phone Number:
Brief Information:	E-mail:
	Address:

#### THERAPY DOG OWNER

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Patient Name:	Date:
I,	• •
Please indicate with a checkmark the statement(s) that apply	to you:
I am afraid of dogs.	
I have allergies to animals.	
I have an autoimmune disease.	
I have cancer, and I am undergoing cancer treatment.	
I have been diagnosed with a medical ailment that may	compromise my health if I am near a dog.
I have respiratory problems.	
I am unaware of any ailments or medical conditions pro	

#### **Rules**

- 1. Each animal's right to choose their participation in AAT sessions is recognized, respecting their individual preferences.
- 2. Protected and quiet resting areas for the therapy animals should not be disturbed or handled by clients unless supervised by a staff member.
- 3. The therapy animals must be treated and handled gently without causing discomfort or compromising their safety.
- 4. A staff member should attend all AAT sessions; therapy animals should never be left unattended by the client.
- 5. If an animal becomes irritated or scared, a staff member will handle the situation, and other individuals should not intervene.
- 6. To maintain a controlled environment, clients are prohibited from bringing their own animals to therapy sessions.
- 7. For clients under 12, parents or guardians must remain on the premises during the minor's therapy session.

### **Risks**

- 1. While efforts will be made to prevent bites or scratches, such incidents are still possible.
- 2. Light biting may occur during play or as a natural expression of the animals' feelings; it is not intentionally harmful.
- 3. Animal saliva, body surface, fur, and hair may cause allergies. Clients with previous allergic reactions should inform our staff before consenting to AAT.
- 4. Sanitation of the environment and hands is crucial to minimize the spread of germs. The appointment facility will provide sanitizing products, and strict sanitization protocols will be followed.

# **Acknowledgment**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand and accept the institution's rules, regulations, and guidelines regarding animal-assisted therapy. I release the Institution from any liability or damages that may occur during the therapy sessions involving animals. I also acknowledge the benefits and risks involved in animal-assisted therapy and accept full liability for any inadvertent harm caused by the therapy animal during the treatment.

I have understood the above information and have satisfactorily answered all my questions. I accept the terms and conditions of this consent and assume all associated risks.

[For legal age individuals:]	
Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	_
[For individuals under legal age:]	
Parent/Legal Representative Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	Relationship to the Patient:

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