

388-97-0980 Pets

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Each resident must have a reasonable opportunity to have regular contact with animals, if desired.

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The nursing home must: (a) Consider the recommendations of nursing home residents, resident councils, and staff; (b) Determine how to provide residents access to animals; (c) Determine the type and number of animals available in the facility, which the facility can safely manage. Such animals should include only those customarily considered domestic pets; (d) Ensure that any resident's rights, preferences, and medical needs are not compromised by the presence of an animal; and (e) Ensure any animal visiting or living on the premises has a suitable temperament, is healthy, and otherwise poses no significant health or safety risks to residents, staff, or visitors.

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