



# EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR CHECKLIST

## FOR HBSPCA PET VISITING ANIMALS & HANDLERS

Please utilize this checklist as a tool to assess your animal's readiness to become a visiting animal. The behaviours below are assessed as a part of the visiting animal evaluation. The assessment has two parts: Part 1 assesses the animal's temperament. If the animal doesn't pass PART 1, it is automatically disqualified from the Pet Visiting Program. Part 2 assesses the animal's abilities and potential as a Pet Visiting Animal.

Please check 'yes' if your animal consistently and reliably performs/accepts the requirement. Check 'no' if your animal does not consistently and reliably perform/accept the requirement. This checklist will help you determine whether your animal has the skills and aptitude to enjoy visiting and if so, which areas you may need to work on more with your animal.

PART 1: SAFER Assessment (temperament)		
	Yes	No
Does not display any signs of aggression and remains relaxed when stared at for a prolonged period of time		
Comfortably accepts a restraining hug without showing signs of fear, stress or aggression		
Comfortably plays a game of "tag" without showing signs of fear, stress or aggression		
Comfortably accepts when paws, ears and tail are touched without showing signs of fear, stress or aggression		
Ceases eating when a bowl of food is pulled away without showing signs of aggression or guarding		
Playfully accepts and reacts to a toy without showing signs of aggression or guarding		
Behaves politely around other dogs, showing mild interest or no reaction to the other dog		
PART 2: Pet Visiting Assessment (abilities and potential as a Pet Visiting Animal)		
	Yes	No
Allows a friendly stranger to approach and speak to the handler in a natural, everyday situation without fear or uncontrollable enthusiasm		
Allows friendly stranger to touch him/her while they are with their handler		
Comfortably walks on a loose leash		
Moves politely through pedestrian traffic and is under control in public places		
Will respond to sit/down commands and will remain in place – preferably on first command		
Comes when called by the handler – preferably on first command		
Confident at all times when faced with common distracting situations (e.g. loud noises, dropping a book, a jogger running in front of the dog).		
Comfortable around medical equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers or other devices that may be encountered in a facility		
Upon command, ignores food and food can safely be moved from his/her mouth if ingesting		
Comfortable when exposed to people walking with uneven gait, shuffling, breathing heavily, coughing, wheezing or other distractions which may be encountered in a facility		