### WASTE MANAGEMENT

To ensure the well-being of everyone, it is essential that residents with pets follow this policy regarding the removal of pet waste.

Residents with pets are solely responsible for the proper removal and disposal of their animals' waste.

*Pet owner/guardians must provide their own waste removal supplies [OR AGENCY will provide waste removal supplies], such as bags and scoops, to effectively clean up after their pets.*

Waste Removal Guidelines

* Pet owner/guardians must promptly clean up any pet waste produced by their animals within the shelter premises. Waste should be removed immediately after elimination.
* Pet owner/guardians must use provided waste bags or their own plastic bags to collect pet waste. Double-bagging is recommended for odour control.
* Dispose of collected pet waste in designated waste bins located within the shelter. Do not dispose of pet waste in common area trash cans.
* For residents with cats, maintain litter boxes in a clean and odour-free condition. Litter boxes should be scooped daily and changed regularly.
* Cages and crates may be cleaned in [outline area/room]. Do not clean pet supplies or carriers in common areas.
* Soiled bedding and towels must be laundered promptly to avoid odours and staining.

Pet Designated Areas

* Pets must remain in pet-designated areas. Pet owners/guardians are responsible for their animals both in and outside of their bedrooms. Pets must be kept on a leash or in a carrier while entering and exiting the shelter or any time the pet is outside of the owner/guardian’s bedroom.
* Designated outdoor areas for pets will be identified, and pet waste must be removed from these areas promptly.

Failure to follow waste removal guidelines may result in the owner/guardian being required to arrange alternative housing arrangements for the pet(s).

This policy is subject to change or amendment as needed to ensure the safety and well-being of all shelter residents and their pets.