

Behavioral Services Unit  
In partnership with the

## Emma Jones Memorial Pet Therapy Program

Participation in the Emma Jones Memorial Pet Therapy Program is voluntary.

The following includes a list of potential benefits as well as risks of program participation:

### Benefits:

- Pets can stimulate laughter or amusement
- Pets can reduce stress and tension
- Pets can lower blood pressure and heart rate
- Pets can provide unconditional love and affection
- Pets can help to form a bridge between patient and staff
- Pets can provide tactile pleasure and comfort through petting and brushing
- Pets can speed recovery or the motivation to recover

### Risks:

- Allergies
- Scratches
- Bites

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I have read and understand that the program participation is voluntary. I also have read and understand the benefits and risks of participating in the Pet Therapy Program.

I wish to participate in the Emma Jones Pet Therapy Program

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of patient: \_\_\_\_\_