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DATE: February 26, 2010
TO: Site Managers
All SOCP Staff
FROM: Deanna Bathke, Director
SUBJECT: House pets and "Neighborhood" animals clarification

I would like to ensure all SOCP employees understand the SOCP standard concerning client pets and other animals in your neighborhoods.

SOCP clients are allowed pets if:

- The team decides it is appropriate for the client to have a pet, and
- The client can pay for everything concerning the pet. This includes, but is not limited to, spaying/neutering, food, kitty litter, vet bills, carrying cages, toys, annual shots, euthanasia, etc.
- If the team decides a client can have a pet, the decision must be appropriately documented. Spaying and/or neutering of all client pets is required.

SOCP does not provide for the feeding/care of neighborhood animals:

- All employees are reminded of the DHS Core Value of Stewardship. The SOCP Program does not provide for the feeding or care of any "neighborhood" cat, dog or other type of animal. No "house" pets are allowed.
- Although some homes had "house" pets prior to this notification, any instances of newly acquired "house" pets will be referred to Human Resources for failure to comply with this directive.

cc: Brad Heath, Clinical Services Manager
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