



Golden Retriever Club of South Australia Inc **CARING CANINE COMPANIONS®**



Community Visitors Scheme

DECLARATION

I, _____

Of _____

DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT

I understand that, as a volunteer in the Caring Canine Companions program, the following are requirements in relation to the taking of my dog(s) into Residential Aged Care Facilities under the auspices of the Golden Retriever Club of South Australia Inc. I must comply with these requirements and that should any incident arise because of my failure to do so, the consequences, should there be any will be entirely my responsibility.

I understand also that even though my Caring Canine Companion(s) has (have) passed an Assessment for suitability to undertake visiting in Residential Aged Care Facilities, this does not absolve me from complying with the following requirements:-

- Dogs must be on a lead, no longer than 1.5 metres, **at all times** and must not pull on the lead
- Dogs must be under the complete control of handler at all times, must not be out of the sight of the handler and must remain calm at all times.
- Dogs must not wear a metal slip collar or choker chain. A soft collar should be used, preferably one supplied by the Golden Retriever Club of SA Inc.
- Dogs must be appropriately groomed which includes removing knots, brushing shedding hair, ensuring eyes and ears are clean and toenails trimmed. Regular bathing should be undertaken to ensure dogs do not smell and are clean to touch.
- Dogs should not be “barkers.” The occasional infrequent bark may be acceptable, but consistent barking is not.
- If dogs’ toys are taken into a Aged Care Facility, the toys must be clean.
- All dogs must be in good health.
- Extreme caution must be observed when food is offered to dogs by residents of Residential Aged Care Facilities. Dogs must not be allowed to take food unless confident the offered food will be taken gently.
- DUTY OF CARE in all aspects when visiting Residential Aged Care Facilities with dogs.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____