

# *Town & Country Humane Society*

## *RISK ASSESSMENT FOR VISITORS*

Thank you for your interest in our animals. We expect the information you and/or your child gain will help you make good decisions about pet ownership in the future. However, there are risks associated with shelter environment that you must be aware of. Once you and your child are familiar with these basic hazards and risk-avoidance measures, BOTH you and your child sign at the bottom and return this to us when you arrive. Visitors under 18 years of age MUST have a parent or legal guardian sign a waiver before they can tour our property.

### ***ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS: Kennel and animal housing areas can be noisy and chaotic places. Risks can include, but are not limited to:***

- \*Hearing damage
- \*Trips and falls due to obstacles (hoses, dishes, pet toys, etc.) or slippery surfaces (wet or soiled floors or sidewalks)
- \*Cuts and scratches from fencing and gates
- \*Bumps and bruises from low clearance gates and cage covers
- \*Injuries from uneven areas in the yard or obstacles concealed in overgrown areas
- \*Possible contact with indigenous wildlife and insects common to rural areas (snakes, spiders, wasps, bees, raccoon, rabbits, etc.)

### ***ANIMAL HANDLING RISKS: Most of our animals are fond of people and enjoy attention, however situations can arise that could result in harm. Risks can include, but are not limited to:***

- \*Cuts and scratches from overly friendly animals (toenails, submissive mouthing, over-exuberant play)
- \*Bites from fearful or aggressive animals
- \*Bumps, bruises, cuts or scratches resulting from being tripped or pushed by an animal
- \*Injuries from tools used for grooming

### ***ZOONOTIC RISKS: While Town & Country Humane Society tries to assure the health of all pets in our care, exposure to contagions is always a possibility. Risks may include, but are not limited to:***

- \*Allergic reactions or respiratory issues from dust, dander, mold, etc.
- \*Exposure to viral or bacterial infections that may be transferred to humans
- \*Exposure to external parasites (mites, fleas, ticks, etc.)
- \*Exposure to intestinal parasites

