Dog Therapy Risk Assessment

Dates: XX/XX/XX Setting: XXX Event/Session: XXX Dog: Skye

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| **Hazard** | Who is affected/at risk | **Risk rating (low, medium, high)** | Actions/control measures | Person responsible |
| **Bites, scratches or illness caused by the dog** | Children and young people, staff, parent carers, handler | **Low** | * Dog is trained as a therapy dog. * Dog is vaccinated, wormed, and treated for fleas. * Dog is cleaned/groomed before the visit. * Everyone is required to wash their hands after contact with dogs. A sign will be displayed and/or health and safety information given in advance. * Handler will clear up dog urine and faeces promptly and dispose of this safely – children and young people are told to stay away. * Dog is not taken anywhere near food preparation areas. | Mel Ogle |
| **Allergies** | Children and young people, staff, parent carers, handler | **Low** | * A sign will be displayed clearly stating the risk and for those with allergies to keep away. * Rainbow Skyes recommends that the client requests allergy disclosures before the visit. Consent forms are supplied. | Mel Ogle  Client |
| **Phobias** | Children and young people, staff, parent carers, handler | **Low** | * Contact with the dog is optional. * The dog will always be on a lead and will not be able to roam around. * Rainbow Skyes recommends that the client requests phobia disclosures before the visit. Consent forms are supplied. | Mel Ogle  Client |
| **Activities and games involving the dog** | Children and young people, staff, parent carers, handler | **Low** | * Handler remains with the dog at all times. * Time limits set for dog welfare. * Participants can move away/leave at any time. * Handler has full control of the dog throughout session. * Walking sessions involve 2 leads, with handler in full control. * Dog is specially trained to be safe around wheelchairs. * Handler cleans up urine and faeces. * Anyone behaving in a way that upsets the dog is asked to move away. * Dog will be immediately removed if harmed or put at high risk. | Mel Ogle |
| **Unpredictable behavior from children and young people and/or adults** | Children and young people and those with SEND, adults | **Low** | * Young are told what to expect and how to behave. * Rules are explained and/or displayed and shared before visit. * The dog is trained to be calm around children and young people and those with SEND. * Anyone behaving in a way that upsets the dog will be asked to move away. | Mel Ogle |
| **Damage caused to materials, equipment at the client’s site** | Client | **Low** | * Dog remains on a lead at all times. * Handler assesses suitability of area before session. * Use of materials/furniture agreed before session. | Mel Ogle |

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