BERMUDA BAY

SERVICE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL POLICY

"A Reasonable Accommodation Policy"

OWNER- LESSEE - INVITEE/GUEST (REFERRED AS "TENANT")

- **1** Prior to Service or Emotional Support (ES) Animal occupancy, the following **MUST** be pre-submitted to Bermuda Bay management:
 - (a) Proof of current Vaccinations or an exemption letter from Veterinarian
 - (b) Letter of "Request for Reasonable Accommodation" (sample letter provided)
 - (c) Medical Letter from health care professional (physician, psychiatrist, social worker or other mental health professional) in support of "tenants" need of Service or ES Animal as per the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (sample letters provided)

Please note: The American Disabilities Act, The Fair Housing Act & Florida State Statutes <u>do not</u> recognize on-line or by mail certification or medical letters for service or support animals.

- **2** "Tenant" <u>MUST</u> receive written Board of Director approval for their "Reasonable Accommodation" request prior to occupancy of Service or ES Animal.
- *** Unit Owner is responsible to provide all necessary forms to lessee/guest/invitee & to ensure all required documentation is received to management a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to Service or ES animal occupancy All unregistered animals are subject to Bermuda Bay's Pet Policies and Rules & Regulations.
- **3** "Tenant" has the responsibility to care for and supervise the animal and must retain full control of the animal at all times.

While in common areas of the complex, the animal MUST be in the direct control of the animal owner.

- **4** "Tenant" is responsible for clean up and disposal of animal waste. It is the "tenant's" responsibility to arrange & provide for any assistance that they may need.
- 5 "Tenant" is responsible for any damage caused by their animal within the complex.
- **6** All Service or ES Animals are prohibited in the complex's pools or spa.
- **7** "Tenant" must assure that their animal's behavior is acceptable and not a nuisance, threat or annoyance to the community.
- **8** Animal owners who violate the policies herein may be subject to remove or limit animal's use of common areas and/or may be subject to fines up to \$100.00 per violation.

Bermuda Bay is committed to providing a supportive community for persons with disabilities and their service and ES animals.