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...(b) Sanitary Environment. The Nursing Care Facility shall establish policies and procedures for investigating, controlling and preventing infections.

...(v) Animals, birds and other pets shall be allowed in the Nursing Care Facility with the approval of the resident council and:

(A) The pet has had an examination prior to entering the Nursing Care Facility and annually thereafter, or more frequently if required by the pet’s health condition;

(B) The pet’s vaccinations are current;

(C) The pet is not allowed in the residents’ dining room during dining hours or in any food preparation area; and,

(D) Someone must be designated as the primary caretaker of the pet, other than a resident of the facility.

(E) Aquariums and enclosed aviaries are excluded from the above requirements provided they are properly secured and are maintained in an approved sanitary manner. Aquariums must be protected to prevent spillage or breakage.