

SHOULD I BRING MY LOVED ONE'S PET TO VISIT?

Yes, of course, pets can visit. There are very few residents who don't enjoy a pet visit, especially if it's their own. It's very much like having any other family member visit. But be aware that a furry loved one can potentially create different reactions. If your loved one doesn't remember their dog but just loves having a dog visit, then go for it. Don't even try to convince them that it's their dog. Just be in the moment with your loved one and their furry friend.

As your loved one progresses in their dementia, they may not recognize the pet and could become upset at the pet's behavior. It's difficult to know how your loved one will react to sudden barking or jumping.

In this case, finding a loveable stuffed dog or cat that resembles their pet is a great way to transition them. They'll love the security of having their "pet" with them all the time without worrying about the pet's reactions. Our residents live in snapshots. The goal is to always make the current snapshot where they are better than the one that just occurred.

EVERY MOMENT TELLS A STORY





Caption: Fun Day's In Memory Care



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THREATENING SPEECH OR ACTIONS

As dementia progresses, a resident may sometimes behave in ways that are physically or verbally aggressive to those around them. This includes making fists, tightening their grip on a caregiver or using angry verbal expressions. This can be distressing for all involved.

A few signs you'll want to be on the lookout for include a resident walking quickly towards a team member and standing close to them with a glaring expression on their face. Some phrases they may use when yelling are "I hate you," or "I'll hit you!" Words no one wants to hear, but this kind of behavior may escalate if not properly addressed and can lead to self-harm or harming of others.

When this type of threatening behavior occurs, try using a gentle and firm redirection to a different topic or activity. Determine if the resident is acting out because they're hungry, thirsty, in pain or need to use the bathroom. It's best to approach the person slowly and use a calm voice to identify the behavior out loud. Ask the resident to "please stop" and assist the person to an environment that's comfortable, with low lighting, soft music and quiet. Take this moment to reflect on pleasant memories with the resident.

FINDING A RESIDENT IN YOUR LOVED ONE'S ROOM

It's common to find a resident has wandered into your loved one's room. This type of behavior is not driven by the person but rather by the disease. This resident had no intention of purposely entering your loved one's room. It happens and most families have experienced it.

Wandering is a part of the disease process but not meant to be intrusive. That's why we have secured environments for those living with dementia.

If you happen to find a resident has walked into your loved one's room, just say hello as if it were completely normal. It's better to not overreact or tell the resident to stay away from your loved one. Remain calm and if the resident doesn't leave the room on their own, find a care team member to help redirect them.



JUNE 2025 EVENTS

- 6/4 Bible Study
- 6/4 Live Music W/ Deborah M
- 6/11 Live Music W/ Larry E
- 6/12 Family Day Horsepower
- 6/13 Dog Therapy





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- 6/14 Flag Day
- 6/15 Father's Day Brunch
- 6/18 Live Music W/ Geri B
- 6/19 Cooking Demo: Caribbean
- 6/25 Live Music W/ Geo

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