## **Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

This 20242029 accessibility plan outlines the policies and actions that the Parker Pet Care will put in place to improve opportunities for people with disabilities.

## **Statement of Commitment**

Parker Pet Care is committed to treating all people in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence. We believe in integration and equal opportunity. We are committed to meeting the needs of people with disabilities in a timely manner and will do so by preventing and removing barriers to accessibility and meeting accessibility requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. Please note that transportation is not included within our plan as it does not pertain to our environment.

	Pari	ker Pet Care Implei	mentation P	lan
Accessibility Requirement	Individual(s)/			
	Department	Steps/ Action	Due Date	Results
	Responsible	Plan		
Gener	ral Responsibi	ilities		
Accessibility Policies:				Operation
<ul> <li>Parker Pet Care will develop, implement and maintain policies governing how the organization achieves or will achieve accessibility through meeting its requirements referred to in this Regulation.</li> <li>Policies will include a statement of organizational commitment to meet the accessibility needs of persons with disabilities in a timely manner in their policies.</li> </ul>	Human Resources Director	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Policy and feedback processes completed prior to due date.	July 30, 2029	Accessible Customer Service Policy posted (insert link to website)

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Policies will be publicly available and, on request, provide them in an accessible format.  With any changes made to Parker Pet Care Accessibility policies, all parties shall be notified of such changes via (insert method of notification)  Accessibility Plan  Parker Pet Care will establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan.  Develop a multi-year accessibility plan.  Post the accessibility plan on their website, if any,	Human Resources	Parker Pet Care has a comprehensive accessibility plan.  Work with a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party consultant to develop	Next review	Completed
<ul> <li>and provide the plan in an accessible format upon request; and</li> <li>Review and update the accessibility plan at least once every five years.</li> <li>Ensure the multi-year accessibility plan reflects accessibility-related policies.</li> </ul>	Director	Parker Pet Care multi-year accessibility plan to address the requirements to be met between	date: Sept. 2027	Posted on the website (insert link)
Training Parker Pet Care will provide training to all employees, volunteers, persons participating in developing policies and all others who provide goods, services, or facilities on behalf of the organization:  Human Rights Code as it pertains to persons with disabilities.  Accessibilities Standards in the regulation as it relates to the assigned duties of the above  On-going training based on changes to policies.  Parker Pet Care will keep a record of training, electronic through online training that includes date provided and number of attendees.	Human Resources Director	Utilizing a training platform to ensure compliant training.  Training is provided with orientation.	Training content to be reviewed by Sept. 2024	Completed, Continuous
Information &	Communication	on Standards		
Feedback Process	Human Resources Director	Included within the Accessibility for	July31, 2029	Completed

<ul> <li>Parker Pet Care will develop a process for receiving and responding to feedback. The process must be accessible, typically this includes offering multiple ways to provide the feedback or arranging for alternates if requested.</li> <li>Parker Pet Care will notify the public about the availability of accessible formats and communications supports with respect to the feedback process.</li> </ul>		Ontarians with Disabilities Act Policy.		Posted on website (insert link)
Upon request, Parker Pet Care will provide or arrange to provide accessible formats and communication supports for persons with disabilities:	Senior Client Care Specialist	Parker Pet Care to work with individuals to determine reasonable solutions.	July 31, 2029	Completed, continuous based on requests
Emergency Procedure, Plans and Public Safety Information If emergency procedures and public safety information are available to the public – we will provide the information in an accessible format or with appropriate communication supports, as soon as practicable, upon request.	Human Resources Director		July 31,2029	Continuous based on requests
Accessible Websites and Web Content Internet websites and web content conform with the World Wide Web Consortium Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, initially at Level A and increasing to Level AA, and shall do so in accordance with the schedule set out in this section.	Senior Manager  – Marketing, Communications & Creative	Parker Pet Care will ensure that any new websites and content will conform to guidelines. Parker Pet Care performed an audit of	Sept. 2024	Ongoing based on website changes

By January 1, 2014, new internet websites and web content on those sites must conform with WCAG 2.0 Level A. By January 1, 2021, all internet websites and web content must conform with WCAG 2.0 Level AA, other than, i. success criteria 1.2.4 Captions (Live), and ii. success criteria 1.2.5 Audio Descriptions (Pre-recorded).  "new internet website" means either a website with a new domain name or a website with an existing domain name undergoing a significant refresh;  "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines" means the World Wide Web Consortium Recommendation, dated December 2008, entitled "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0"		its website (insert link to website) to address compliance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA.  Website that are not new and do not meet the definition will be updated in accordance with SCAG 2.0 Level AA	
Custom	er Service Sta	ndards	
Qualifying a Service Animal In the event that an individual visiting or accessing services from Parker Pet Care requires the use of a Service Animal, the following guidelines will be used:  • The animal can be readily identified as one that is being used by the person for reasons relating to the person's disability, as a result of visual indicators such as the vest or harness worn by the animal; or  • the person provides documentation from one of the following regulated health professionals confirming that the person requires the animal for reasons relating to the disability.  Approved Regulated Health Professionals:  i. A member of the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario.	Human Resources Director	Human Resources and/or Management will align to qualification standards, if/when a Service Animal is present	Completed, continuous based on requests

<ul> <li>ii. A member of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario.</li> <li>iii. A member of the College of Nurses of Ontario.</li> <li>iv. A member of the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.</li> <li>v. A member of the College of Optometrists of Ontario.</li> <li>vi. A member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.</li> <li>vii. A member of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.</li> <li>viii. A member of the College of Psychologists of Ontario.</li> <li>ix. A member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists and Registered Mental Health Therapists of Ontario.</li> </ul>				
Policy Development Parker Pet Care will develop, implement and maintain policies related to the provision of goods, services or facilities that is consistent with dignity and independence, integration, equal opportunity.  Instructions on how to interact and communicate with customers with various types of disabilities; Instructions on how to interact with people with disabilities who use assistive devices; require the assistance of a guide dog, service animal or service dog; or require the use of a support person; Instructions on how to use equipment or devices that are available at your premises or that may assist customers with disabilities; Instructions on what to do if a customer with a disability is having difficulty accessing your services; Policies, procedures and practices surrounding the legislation.	Human Resources Director	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Policy and feedback processes completed prior to due date.	Policies Updated July 31, 2024	Incorporated into handbooks with all policies.  Accessibility policies will be posted on the website.  Updates and changes to handbook are deployed immediately to both full and part time.
On request, shall give a copy of any such document to any person.     shall notify persons to whom it provides goods, services or facilities that the documents are	Human Resources Director	Work with a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party consultant to assist with the development of legislatively		Accessible Customer Service Policy

available on request. Appropriate notification includes:  i. by posting the information at a conspicuous place on premises owned or operated by the provider,  ii. by posting it on the provider's website, if any,  iii. or by such other method as is reasonable in the circumstances.		complaint policies and practices	posted on the Parker Pet Care website as well individuals can request a copy or an accessible format.
Notice of temporary disruptions  If, in order to obtain, use or benefit from a provider's goods, services or facilities, persons with disabilities usually use other particular facilities or services of the provider and if there is a temporary disruption in those other facilities or services in whole or in part, Parker Pet Care will give notice of the disruption to the public_as soon as possible_in different places and formats Notice must include:  - what the service disruption is; - the reason for the disruption - its anticipated duration and - a description of alternative facilities or services, if any, that are available.  Prepare a document setting out the steps that the provider will ensure are taken in connection with a temporary disruption and, on request, shall give a copy of the document to any person.	Human Resources Director	Parker Pet Care will work in accordance with the College in the event of any service disruption.	Completed, continue to work with Parker Pet Care in the event of disruption.
Training  All employees and volunteers;  All other persons who provide goods, services or facilities on behalf of Parker Pet Care; and  All persons who participate in developing the Parker Pet Care's policies.	Human Resources Director	Utilizing a training platform to ensure compliant training.	Completed, ongoing online training provided to new employees and volunteers.

ine	arker Pet Care_will keep a record of training that cludes the dates training was provided and the umber of employees who attended the training.		Provided to newly hired and returning employees.			
i. ii. iii. iv. v. vi. vii. viii.	will include: Information on AODA and the Integrated Standards; Providing service with dignity, independence, Integration and equal opportunity; Provisions of goods and services to persons with disabilities; The use of assistive devices; The use of guide dogs, service animals and service dogs; The use of support persons; Notice of service disruptions; and Customer feedback.					
	Design of F	Public Spaces	Standard			Commented [NM1]: Other areas of consideration for Design of Public Spaces:
Ensure th street par	ole Parking nat when constructing new or redeveloping off- rking facilities that they intend to maintain; the off- rking facilities meet the requirements	Not applicable	Parker Pet Care is responsible for parking.	n/a		Maintaining Accessible Public Spaces (added)     Exterior paths of travel (sidewalks / walkways, ramps, stairs, rest areas, curb ramps, depressed curbs, accessible pedestrian signals a street crossings). (please advise if this applies). (added - see notes)
Obtaining Organizat Part in res 1. Al qu 2. Al ar For the pu services i guides an	g Services tions shall meet the requirements set out in this spect of the following: Il newly constructed service counters and fixed deuing guides. Il newly constructed or redeveloped waiting reas. Turposes of this Part, requirements for obtaining in respect of service counters, fixed queuing and waiting areas apply whether the services are in buildings or out-of-doors.	General Manager/ Facilities Manager	Parker Pet Care will ensure that standards are achieved in the event of renovation or significant changes to the welcoming/ waiting area.	n/a	Accessibility and integration are a priority for Parker Pet Care and as such we will partner with all visitors to remove barriers and increase accessibility.	
C	counters					

When constructing new service counters, which includes replacing existing service counters, the following requirements must be met: 1. There must be at a minimum one service counter that accommodates a mobility aid for each type of service provided and the accessible service counter must be clearly identified with signage, where there are multiple queuing lines and service 2. Each service counter must accommodate a mobility aid, where a single queuing line serves a single or multiple counters. The service counter that accommodates mobility aids must meet the following requirements: 1. The countertop height must be such that it is usable by a person seated in a mobility aid. 2. There must be sufficient knee clearance for a person seated in a mobility aid, where a forward approach to the counter is required. 3. The floor space in front of the counter must be sufficiently clear so as to accommodate a mobility aid. Fixed queuing guides When constructing new fixed queuing guides, the following requirements must be met: 1. The fixed queuing guides must provide sufficient width to allow for the passage of mobility aids and mobility assistive devices. 2. The fixed queuing guides must have sufficiently clear floor area to permit mobility aids to turn where queuing lines change direction. 3. The fixed queuing guides must be cane detectable. Waiting areas

existing waiting area, where the seating is fixed to the floor, a minimum of three per cent of the new seating must be accessible, but in no case shall there be fewer than one accessible seating space.  Accessible seating is a space in the seating area where an individual using a mobility aid can wait.				
Maintaining Accessible Public Spaces It is critical that public spaces, as well as the routes required to access them, are continuously maintained to support the mobility and independence of people with disabilities.  Parker Pet Care shall develop procedures for preventative and emergency maintenance of the accessible parts of their public spaces.	Health and Safety	Daily Walk throughs	Ongoing	
Outdoor Paths When constructing a new outdoor paths or redeveloping an existing outdoor path, Parker Pet Care will do so in accordance with the Design of Public Spaces standards as per the AODA.	Facilities	As needed		
Outdoor Eating Areas When constructing a new outdoor eating area or redeveloping an existing area, Parker Pet Care will determine how many tables must be accessible in accordance with the Design of Public Spaces standards	Facilities	As needed		
Emplo	oyment Standa	ards		

When constructing a new waiting area or redeveloping an

**Commented [NM2]:** Maintenance procedures for a public space can depend on different factors. Organizations should consider the following:

- •Purpose of space
- •Frequency of use
- •How could people be affected if the space is not kept in good condition?

Further, consider elements beyond those that are traditionally associated with accessibility such as:

- •Cleaning light fixtures to ensure that minimum illumination levels are maintained.
- •Maintaining floor surfaces in a finish that is not prone to casting glare, to minimize the chance of reflective glare masking potentially hazardous building elements, such as overhanging objects or glazed screens.
- •Ensuring that movable objects, including furniture, do not impede access to operating mechanisms such as light switches, door hardware or bulletin boards, etc.
- •Maintaining ground and floor surfaces at entrances during inclement weather to prevent slipping.

Commented [NM3]: The company's multi-year accessibility plan must address when disruption to public spaces takes place, it will (for example) post a sign to explain the disruption and set up a temporary accessible parking area.

Specific for public spaces.

Commented [NM4]: Exterior / outdoor paths of travel (sidewalks / walkways, ramps, stairs, rest areas, curb ramps, depressed curbs, accessible pedestrian signals at street crossings). (please advise if this applies), (added - see notes).

How to comply:

- •meet the minimum requirements for width and head clearance
- •keep slopes of sidewalks, walkways, ramps and depressed curbs within the set limits

**Commented [NM5]:** To meet this requirement, you must:

- •determine how many new tables must be accessible
- •if you buy 1 to 9 new tables, you need to make at least 1 accessible
- •if you buy 10 or more new tables, you need to make at least 20% of them accessible
- •ensure the ground leading to and under the accessible tables is level, firm and stable
- provide enough clear space around and under the tables so that people using a wheelchair or other mobility aid can easily access the tables

Process During a recruitment process, Parker Pet Care will:  Notify employees and the public that Parker Pet Care will accommodate the needs of people with disabilities during the hiring process.  Notify job applicants, when they are individually selected to participate in an assessment or selection process, that accommodations are available upon request in relation to the materials or processes to be used.  Notify successful applicants accommodation policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.  If a selected applicant requests an accommodation, Parker Pet Care will consult with the applicant and provide or arrange for the provision of a suitable accommodation in a manner that takes into account the applicant's accessibility needs due to disability.  Notice to Successful Applicants.  Every employer shall, when making offers of employment, notify the successful applicant of its policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.	Human Resources Senior Manager	Statement to be included in all job postings:  Parker Pet Care welcomes diversity and inclusion in the workplace and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including visible minorities, Indigenous People, and persons with disabilities. To request more information on our accessibility policies or to discuss any accommodations you may require in order to participate in the recruitment process (including alternate formats of materials or accessible meeting rooms) contact susan.parker@parkercare.ca  Statement within job offers: Parker Pet Care is committed to accessibility, please review our policies contained within the provided handbook for more information on individual accommodation and accessibility.	Completed  Continuous based on requests  Completed	Commented [NM6]: The public and employees must be notifice that accommodations will be provided during the hiring process.  This information can be posted on website and/or be incorporated in the job posting.  Commented [NM7]: A portion of training, but the accessibility policies must be reviewed with new employees.  This can be done by developing an offer letter template with standard wording on your organization's policies for accommodating employees with disabilities.  Deleted: ¶
Informing Employees of Supports Parker Pet Care will inform its employees of its policies used to support its employees with disabilities, including, but not limited to, policies on the provision of job accommodations that take into account an employee's accessibility needs due to disability.	Human Resources Senior Manager	Parker Pet Care will provide new employees with accommodation information.	Completed  Continuous based on request and/or policies/practice changes	

Parker Pet Care will provide the information related to the AODA and accommodation to new employees as soon as practicable after they begin their employment.  Parker Pet Care will provide updated information to its employees whenever there is a change to existing policies on the provision of job accommodations that take into account an employee's accessibility needs due to			
disability.			
Accessible Formats and Communication Supports for Employees: Where an employee with a disability so requests it, Parker Pet Care will consult with the employee to provide or arrange for the provision of accessible formats and communication supports for:  • information that is needed in order to perform the employee's job; and • information that is generally available to employees in the workplace.  Parker Pet Care consult with the employee making the request in determining the suitability of an accessible	Human Resources Senior Manager		Completed Continuous based on request
format or communication support.			
Workplace Emergency Response Information Parker Pet Care provides individualized workplace emergency response information to employees who have a (temporary or permanent) disability, if the disability is such that the individualized information is necessary, and Parker Pet Care is aware of the need for accommodation due to the employee's disability.  If an employee who receives individualized workplace emergency response information requires assistance and	Human Resources Director		Completed  Continuous based on requests and/or awareness for accommodation

with the employee's consent, Parker Pet Care will provide the workplace emergency response information to the person designated by the employer to provide assistance to the employee.			
Parker Pet Care provides the information required under his section as soon as practicable after the employer pecomes aware of the need for accommodation due to the employee's disability.			
Parker Pet Care review the individualized workplace emergency response information,  when the employee moves to a different location in the organization;  when the employee's overall accommodations needs or plans are reviewed; and  when the employer reviews its general emergency response policies.  On medical appointment basis if applicable.			
Pocumented Individual Accommodation Plans Parker Pet Care shall develop and have in place a written process for the development of documented individual accommodation plans for employees with disabilities.		Parker Pet Care has an Accommodation Request and	Completed Continuous
The process for the development of documented individual accommodation plans will include the following elements:  1. The manner in which an employee requesting accommodation can participate in the development of the individual accommodation plan.	Human Resources Director	Individualized Plan that covers all of the required elements.  The complete	based on requests and individual needs
<ol> <li>The means by which the employee is assessed on an individual basis.</li> <li>The manner in which the employer can request an evaluation by an outside medical or other expert, at the employer's expense, to assist the employer in determining if accommodation can be achieved and, if so, how accommodation can be achieved.</li> </ol>		request and plan are included within both the full time and part time handbook.	Please see Employee Accommodation within Parker Pet Care Handbooks.

4. The manner in which the employee can request				
the participation of a representative from their				
bargaining agent, where the employee is				
represented by a bargaining agent, or other				
representative from the workplace, where the				
employee is not represented by a bargaining				
agent, in the development of the accommodation				
plan. 5. The steps taken to protect the privacy of the				
employee's personal information.				
6. The frequency with which the individual				
accommodation plan will be reviewed and updated				
and the manner in which it will be done.				
7. If an individual accommodation plan is denied, the				
manner in which the reasons for the denial will be				
provided to the employee.				
The means of providing the individual accommodation plan in a format that takes into				
account the employee's accessibility needs due to				
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Individual accommodation plans will:				
a) if requested, include any information regarding				
accessible formats and communications supports				
provided,				
b) if required, include individualized workplace emergency response information,				
c) identify any other accommodation that is to be				
provided.		 		
d) Job tasks that will be accommodated based on				
individual needs.				
Return to Work Process	Human Danaum		Completed	
Parker Pet Care will develop and have in place a return to work process for its employees who have been absent	Human Resources Director		Continuous	
from work due to a disability and require disability-related	Director		based on	
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accommodations in order to return to work; and will document the process.			requests and individual needs
The return to work process will:  outline the steps Parker Pet Care will take to facilitate the return to work of employees who were absent because their disability required them to be away from work; and  use documented individual accommodation plans as part of the process.			
The return to work process referenced in this section does not replace or override any other return to work process created by or under any other statute.			
Performance Management An employer that uses performance management in respect of its employees shall take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when using its performance management process in respect of employees with disabilities.  "performance management" means activities related to assessing and improving employee performance, productivity and effectiveness, with the goal of facilitating employee success.	Human Resources Director		Completed  Continuous based on requests and individual needs
Career Development and Advancement An employer that provides career development and advancement to its employees shall take into account the accessibility needs of its employees with disabilities as well as any individual accommodation plans, when providing career development and advancement to its employees with disabilities.  "career development and advancement" includes providing additional responsibilities within an employee's	Human Resources Director		Completed  Continuous based on requests and individual needs

Formal review and update completed on:				
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Formal review and update completed on: July 31, 2024				
Review and Update  The plan is reviewed continuously to ensure alignment with idupdated at least once every five (5) years.	lentified timelines. At	minimum the plan will be	formally reviewed and	
"redeployment" means the reassignment of employees to other departments or jobs within the organization as an alternative to layoff, when a particular job or department has been eliminated by the organization.	Bilector		based on i changes	nternal
Redeployment An employer that uses redeployment shall take into account the accessibility needs of its employees with disabilities, as well as individual accommodation plans, when redeploying employees with disabilities.	Human Resources Director		Completed	S
one job to another in an organization that may be higher in pay, provide greater responsibility or be at a higher level in the organization or any combination of them and, for both additional responsibilities and employee movement, is usually based on merit or seniority, or a combination of them.				