

## Policy Document 2: The Snug-O-Nauts Orbital De-Stressing & Re-Entry Protocol (ODS-REP)

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### Policy Statement:

Upon completion of their mission, a Snug-O-Naut must be brought back to Earth with the utmost care to prevent psychological distress from the abrupt transition back to gravity and the reintroduction to terrestrial life. This policy outlines the procedures for the dignified retrieval, de-stressing, and soft-landing of all returning plush companions. The mental well-being of our Snug-O-Nauts is a top priority, as it directly impacts their ability to continue providing emotional support to their owner. All personnel involved in retrieval and re-entry must be certified in Plush Handling & Emotional Support, as detailed in the Great Cosmic Cuddler's Code of Conduct.

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### Section I: The Retrieval & Transition Phase

1. **Meticulous Recovery & Containment:** The Recovery Team must handle all returning Snug-O-Nauts with extreme care. The plushie must be gently placed in a plush-lined containment unit. This unit is equipped with a patented "Gravity Simulator" that slowly increases the gravitational pull over a period of 15 minutes, allowing the plush to acclimate to its terrestrial weight.
  - **A. Prohibited Actions:** Abrupt movements, loud noises, sudden changes in temperature, or direct exposure to bright, unfiltered light are strictly forbidden during the transition phase.
  - **B. Acoustic Management:** All team members must speak in low, hushed tones. The use of calming sounds, such as gentle humming or soft lullabies, is highly encouraged. A sound meter in the containment unit will trigger an alarm if noise levels exceed 30 decibels.
2. **The Decompression Debriefing:** Once safely on the ground, but before leaving the recovery site, each Snug-O-Naut must undergo a Decompression Debriefing.
  - **A. Purpose:** This session is to identify any signs of post-mission stress, such as matted fur, a thousand-yard stare, or a quiet hum that suggests existential contemplation.
  - **B. Required Dialogue:** The debriefing must begin with the phrase, "Welcome back, noble space friend. We're so glad you're home." The technician will then gently probe for signs of distress using approved,

non-threatening questions like, "Did you see any fluffy clouds up there?" and "Was the moon as round as a cookie?"

- **C. Stress Remediation:** If signs of distress are noted, the plushie will be immediately transferred to the "**Terrestrial Re-acclimation Spa**" for a period of up to 48 hours. The Spa provides services such as gentle steaming, light fluff massages, and exposure to comforting scents like lavender and fresh laundry.
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## Section II: The Post-Mission De-Stress & Landing Protocol

1. **Landing Zone Requirements:** All re-entry capsules must target and land in a designated "**Soft Landing Zone.**" These zones are to be filled with at least three feet of specially approved, hypoallergenic foam pillows.
  - **A. Cushion Density Check:** The density of the pillows must be checked daily using the standard Pillow Density Meter (PDM) to ensure an optimal 1:1 "cushion-to-plush" ratio.
  - **B. Wind & Weather Contingency:** In the event of high winds or adverse weather, the landing zone must be covered with a plush-friendly canopy to prevent a rough landing. Failure to land in the designated zone is a Class A infraction and will result in a mandatory 24-hour pillow arrangement workshop for the responsible team.
2. **Post-Flight Cuddle Check-Up:** Immediately following a successful landing, a certified Cuddle Technician must perform a Post-Flight Cuddle Check-up. This involves a gentle hug and a verbal affirmation of a job well done.
  - **A. Documentation:** The technician must document the results of the check-up in the Snug-O-Naut's mission log, noting any signs of matted fur, emotional fatigue, or existential awe.
  - **B. The "All Clear" Signal:** Once the check-up is complete and the plushie is deemed emotionally stable, the technician will press the "All Clear" button, triggering a single, celebratory bell chime to mark the successful mission.
3. **Return to Owner Protocol:** A Snug-O-Naut is only cleared for return to its owner after passing the Post-Flight Cuddle Check-up and being deemed emotionally stable.
  - **A. Certificate of Completion:** A "**Mission Complete**" certificate, printed on soft, plush-friendly paper, must be included with the returned plushy. This certificate will include a brief, comforting summary of its orbital journey.

- **B. Final Farewell:** The technician responsible for the final check-up will provide a final hug and whisper a comforting farewell, such as, "Go back to your owner now. They've missed you very much."

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## Appendix B: Post-Mission Distress Indicators & Remediation

Indicator	Symptoms	Remediation Protocol
Matted Fur Syndrome	Fur is tangled, flattened, or spiky	Gentle steaming and fluff massage at the Terrestrial Re-acclimation Spa.
The Thousand-Yard Stare	Eyes appear unfocused or listless	Mandatory cuddle session with a certified Emotional Support Specialist.
Existential Hum	A low, continuous hum originating from the plushie's core	Requires a minimum of 48 hours of quiet reflection in a soundproofed, dark room, followed by a re-run of favorite childhood cartoons.
Squishy Body Fatigue	The plushie's stuffing feels soft and deflated	Immediate re-fluffing procedure and a mandatory 12-hour rest period in a designated "Plush Wellness Pod."