

Pet Dogs in Outdoor Designated Seating Areas



PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS:

Health concerns include: dogs defecating on floors, employees petting dogs and not washing their hands, dogs eating off customer plates, and dogs behaving disruptively.

In assessing the health risks, the Food Safety Program identified the types of outdoor dining settings that would present low, minimal, or no risk to the public. In these settings, food establishment owners allowing dogs in outdoor dining areas would be required to follow practices to minimize potential risks. There is no change for indoor dining areas. The only animals allowed inside food establishment are service animals accompanying persons with disabilities or service animals such as police dogs.

FOOD CODE, OAR 603-25-0030, CHAPTER 6-501.115

Food service operators may offer designated seating areas outside for patrons wishing to dine outside with their pet dog. Establishments that would like to allow pet dogs must provide written procedures that demonstrate how public health concerns will be addressed before allowing patrons' dogs on the premises.

The following information shall be provided:

1. Diagram and describe the outdoor area to be designated as available to patrons with pet dogs.
2. Attach a copy of the establishment's policy for all employees that states, "Employees shall be prohibited from touching, petting, or otherwise handling dogs while serving food or beverages and handling tableware," and "Accidents involving dog waste shall be cleaned immediately." The policy must also describe the location of dog waste disposal kit.
3. Describe method of notification to employees and patrons of the food establishment for the following:
 - Dogs shall not come into contact with serving dishes, utensils or tableware. Patrons shall keep their dogs on leash and under control at all times.
 - Dogs shall not be allowed on chairs, tables, or other furnishings.
 - At no time shall pet dogs be permitted to travel through indoor or non-designated outdoor portions of the food service establishment. **Service dogs are allowed indoors in customer areas.**
 - Dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs are prohibited. A food establishment may exclude dogs from the premises.



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**

Food Safety Program

635 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR 97301-2532
503.986.4720 | Oregon.gov/ODA

Created 9/20