



DOGS ON PATIO WRITTEN PROCEDURE

Facility name: _____

Reminders:

**Signs shall be posted at all entrances to the outdoor dining area where dogs will be allowed stating that the establishment allows dogs in their outdoor area. There shall also be signs posted notifying patrons with dogs to access the outdoor dining area only through the outdoor entrance (Dogs will not be permitted to access outdoor dining areas by going through indoor areas).*

**Employees may not contact dogs during service. Dogs may be provided water only from a single use container.*

**Dogs may not sit/stand/lay down on any furnishings.*

**Dogs may not be within 5 feet of any area used for food storage, preparation, or storage of utensils and single use items.*

**Facility must have appropriate cleaning supplies to handle debris and bodily fluid accidents involving dogs.*

The Facility will follow these written procedures for allowing dogs on outdoor dining areas within their establishment:

A. Any dog allowed within the outdoor dining area shall be effectively controlled. The dog shall be controlled using a dog leash, harness, headcollar or other effective means. The facility has the right to refuse entry to patrons who do not have their dog effectively controlled, or to any dog that appears aggressive.

B. The facility will follow these procedures for cleaning up dog hair, feces, urine, vomit, and other debris:

1. Any dog hair and non-bodily fluid debris shall be swept up as needed. The broom and dustpan used will be dumped immediately and cleaned at the end of the night. Special measures--such as a designated broom and dustpan, or instant cleaning of the equipment after use to clean up debris from dogs--may be used to ensure dog hair and other debris does not get into indoor dining areas.

2. Bodily fluid cleanup (feces, urine, vomit) will be cleaned utilizing designated procedures. Materials may be needed for cleanup such as gloves, masks, soap, paper towels, absorbent material, disinfectant of choice, and designated broom and dustpan for cleanup.

1. Absorbent material will be used to absorb fluid so it can be swept up or picked up.

2. Area will be cleaned using soapy water.

3. Area will be rinsed with plain water.

4. Disinfectant will be added to area. Disinfectant must be used according to manufacturer's directions.

5. Prior to returning to other work duties, employee(s) handling the cleanup must effectively wash their hands with soap and water.

****During the cleanup, the employee(s) is(are) not to change tasks unless proper hand washing occurs.***

C. The state of Ohio does not have any vaccination requirements for dogs and these laws are left to be written by local authorities, such as the county or city. As such, proper vaccinations vary by county and even city. It is the duty of facility management to know proper vaccination requirements based on where the facility is located. Management is responsible for asking patrons entering with dogs about vaccination records to ensure that requirements are met. If a dog does not meet local laws on vaccination, the patron will not be allowed to enter the premise.

I, a person in charge with authority within this establishment, understand that the written procedures are based off the Ohio Food Code section 3717-1 8.5. I have read and understand the Ohio Food Code section 3717-1 8.5. I will follow my written procedures within this document to be compliant with the dogs on patio rule requirements. I understand that failure to follow the Ohio Food Code and my written procedures will result in violations.

Person In Charge Printed Name: _____

Person In Charge Signature: _____

Date: _____

**A copy of these procedures shall always be kept within facility and made available when requested.*