

Food Code Fact Sheet #9

What you should know about the new Code

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**FOOD CODE,
OAR 603-25-0030,
CHAPTER 6-501.115
(B)(6)**

Written procedures shall be maintained in the food establishment and made available to the regulatory authority upon request; and ensure compliance with 6-501.115(B)(6).

**PUBLIC HEALTH
REASONS:**

The public health concerns with dogs on the premises are that animals carry diseases, and the contamination of employee hands, tableware and equipment.

Health concerns include ;pet defecating on floor, employees petting them and not washing their hands, dogs eating off customer plates and behaving disruptively.

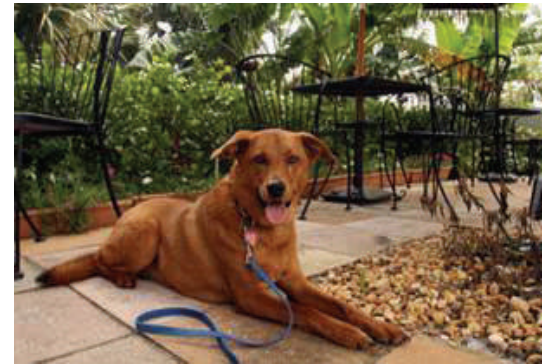
In assessing the health risks, the Public Health Division identified the types of outdoor dining settings that would present low, minimal or no risk to the public. In these settings, food establishment owners allowing dogs in outdoor dining areas would be required to follow practices to minimize potential 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.

Pet Dogs in Outdoor Designated Seating Areas

A new rule provision allows the food service operator to offer a designated seating area 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, handling tableware", and "Accidents involving dog waste shall be cleaned immediately". The policy must also describe the location of dog waste disposable kit.
3. Describe method of notification to employees and patrons of the food establishment for the following:



Well behaved dogs allowed

- Dogs shall not come into contact with serving dishes, utensils and 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.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/FSD/docs/pdf/pub_service_animals_3-11.pdf

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