A new rule provision allows the food service operator to offer a designated seating area outside for patrons wishing to dine 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 kit.

3. Describe method of notification to employees and patrons of the food service establishment for the following:
   - 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.

Well behaved dogs allowed