

# Food Code Fact Sheet #9

What you should know about the Code

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## OAR 333-150-0000, CHAPTER 6-501.115

(E) Pet dogs may be allowed in outside seating areas of a food establishment under the following conditions:

(1) The food establishment prepares written procedures that include:

(a) A diagram of the outdoor area to be designated as available to consumers with pet dogs;<sup>Pf</sup>

(b) The establishment's procedure for assuring that employees do not touch, pet or otherwise handle pet dogs and for immediately cleaning accidents involving dog waste. The procedure must also describe the location of materials and equipment necessary to clean up accidents involving dog waste;<sup>Pf</sup> and

(c) The establishment's procedure for notifying employees and consumers of the requirements of this paragraph.<sup>Pf</sup>

(2) Pet dogs may not come into contact with serving dishes, utensils and tableware. Pet dogs are also not allowed on chairs, tables and other furnishings.<sup>Pf</sup>

(3) Employees and consumers may not provide food to pet dogs.<sup>Pf</sup>

(4) Pet dogs must be on a leash and under control of the consumer at all times.<sup>Pf</sup>

(5) At no time may pet dogs be permitted to travel through the indoor or non-designated outdoor portions of the food establishment.<sup>Pf</sup>

## PUBLIC HEALTH REASONS:

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, restaurant 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 restaurants 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 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. For detailed guidance, go to: [www.healthoregon.org/foodsafety](http://www.healthoregon.org/foodsafety).
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.



*Well behaved dogs allowed*

- 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.