

# Dogs and outdoor dining

## Can I take my dog to a food business?

Some food businesses allow pets in outdoor dining areas. Make sure you ask a staff member at the café or restaurant if it is ok to have your dog in a given area.

You cannot take your dog inside a food business, please keep to outdoor areas.

## It is the business' choice

A food business may permit dogs to be present in outdoor dining areas provided it meets certain criteria. Dogs are not allowed in indoor dining areas, food preparation areas or food storage areas. If the management of the food business chooses not to allow dogs in an outdoor dining area, you should remove the dog immediately.

## Guide and assistance dogs

Guide and assistance dogs can go wherever their owners go. They are allowed inside a food business and in the toilets. They are not permitted to enter non-customer areas such as a kitchen or storeroom.

## Your Pet, Your Responsibility

Make sure your dog is on its best behaviour. The dog should be properly restrained on a lead and supervised at all times. Do not feed your dog in an outdoor dining area, especially off cutlery and plates for human use.

Do not allow your dog to attack or jump on other people and ensure they are not disturbing others.

Remember that the staff at the food business are there to serve customers and should not come into contact with your dog.

## The do's and don'ts

- ✓ ask if it's ok to have your dog in the outdoor dining area
- ✓ supervise your dog
- ✓ clean up after your dog
- ✓ have your dog out of the way of others
- ✓ have your dog on a lead
- ✓ wash your hands before handling food plates and cutlery
- ✗ feed your dog in an outdoor dining area
- ✗ allow the dog to lick plates or cutlery
- ✗ allow the dog to bark
- ✗ allow the dog to sit on a chair or table
- ✗ allow the dog to jump on others
- ✗ encourage staff or other customers to touch or pat your dog
- ✗ allow your dog inside the food business
- ✗ let your dog go to the toilet in any outdoor dining area.

## Know more, it's the law!

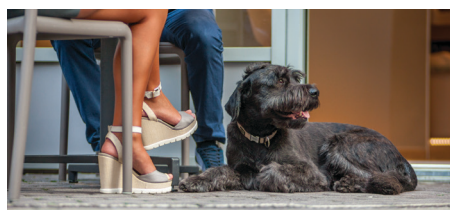
You can learn more by reading the law!

- *Food Act 2006*
- *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*
- *Rockhampton Regional Council Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2011*

## Find out more information at:

[www.rrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.rrc.qld.gov.au)

[www.heath.qld.gov.au/foodsafety](http://www.heath.qld.gov.au/foodsafety)



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