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SLCoHD Announces Restaurants Approved to Allow Dogs on Patios

Twelve Salt Lake County restaurants have received a “dog patio” variance for this season

(SALT LAKE COUNTY)—The Salt Lake County Health Department (SLCoHD) has announced which Salt Lake County restaurants and cafés have received the regulation variance that allows them to welcome dogs to their outdoor eating areas.

Currently, 12 food establishments in Salt Lake County [see attached list] have received the variance for the 2018 season and can legally welcome canine companions to their patios. As the summer dining season continues, health officials expect additional establishments to apply for the variance; by the end of patio dining season last year, 16 establishments had received the variance.

The variance applies only to dogs, not other animals, and does not affect qualifying ADA service dogs in any way. Federal law requires that service dogs individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability must be allowed in all public areas of a food establishment. Emotional support animals, comfort animals, companion animals, and therapy animals are not considered service animals under the law.

To receive “dog patio” approval, dog-friendly food-service businesses need to submit a special processes safety plan (known as a HACCP Plan), pay an application fee of \$315 (which covers the staff time necessary to review the safety plan and conduct an on-site inspection of the patio), and agree to a few simple rules:

- Establishment must post signs that notify patrons that dogs may be on the premises
- The patio must have an outdoor entrance so dogs don't have to go through an interior dining area, and there must be self-closing doors between the patio and interior area
- The patio must be cleaned with animal-friendly chemicals at the beginning of each shift, or every six hours if the business does not have defined shifts

- Any dog bathroom “accidents” must be cleaned and the area sanitized within 5 minutes
- Wait staff and other restaurant food-handlers may not touch any dog
- Dogs must remain on-leash, and must have collars with current license and rabies tag
- Dogs may not be on tables or chairs
- Dogs should be given water in a disposable container, but may not eat food (including dog food or treats)
- Dogs may not have contact with any dishes or utensils

The variance is good for one year and establishments in good standing may renew it in subsequent years for a \$100 fee.

Food service establishments interested in applying for the variance should contact the Salt Lake County Health Department Food Protection Bureau at 385-468-3845.



RESTAURANTS APPROVED TO ALLOW DOGS ON THEIR PATIOS

Brewhouse Pub

1722 South Fremont Drive

Campfire Lounge

837 East 2100 South

Caputo's 15th & 15th

1516 South 1500 East

Fisher Brewing Company

320 West 800 South

Flatbread Neapolitan Pizzeria

2121 South McClelland St

Pig and a Jelly Jar

401 East 900 South

Proper Burger Co.

865 South Main Street

Squatters

147 West Broadway

Taqueria 27

149 East 200 South

Taqueria 27

1615 South Foothill Blvd

Taqueria 27

4670 South Holladay Blvd

Taqueria 27

6154 South State Street