

## **Covent Garden Market Dog Policy – Updated July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

As of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, dogs are now permitted within the Outdoor Farmers' Market space at the Covent Garden Market, provided that they are leashed and under your control, well behaved, picked-up after and kept out of the flow of traffic when not actively moving through the Market.

Dogs and owners are expected to abide by the following provisions to maintain the welcome of furry friends. Owners are socially, legally and financially responsible and liable for their pet's behavior at all times. Let's make your furry friend's visit to the market a good experience for everyone!

- **Dogs must be on a short leash.**
  - o Please ensure that leashes do not get tangled in tablecloths, displays, or tent legs, and do not become a tripping hazard.
- **Pets must be under control and by the owner's side at all times.**
  - o Keep pets away from produce, plants, and other food products, and out of stall areas.
  - o One adult should control no more than one dog, unless both dogs are small enough to be carried by that adult at the same time.
- **Not all dogs are appropriate for the market setting.**
  - o Large crowds, accessible food, small children and other dogs can challenge your dog's attention and behavior.
    - If your dog is not comfortable in these conditions, has ANY reactive tendencies, or is prone to barking, please leave them at home.
    - The market is not an appropriate place to train your dog to handle these conditions.
- **Everyone has a right to feel safe and comfortable.**
  - o Please keep your dog from approaching strangers. Not all customers or vendors are comfortable around dogs.
  - o Allow plenty of space to accommodate those with visual, auditory or mobility impairments who may be navigating the Market with a walker, wheelchair or other assistance, and be considerate of children who could be smaller than your dog or easily injured, and elderly patrons who could easily trip over a dog or their leash.
- **You are responsible for your dog's business.**
  - o Please make sure your dog does their business before entering the market area.
  - o If your dog's business compromises the product or equipment of a vendor, you are responsible for making financial reparations as the vendor deems appropriate.

If your dog is easily frightened, barks excessively, jumps on people or is stressed by noise, traffic, strangers, children or other animals, we recommend that you bring your friend to visit the market square at another, quieter time of the day.

Covent Garden Market staff will ask your dog to leave if they are not abiding by these rules. Multiple violations throughout the season will result in the return of a no-dog policy. Service dogs are always allowed.