



Pet & Service Animal Policy

No pets or non-service animals

Applies to all event-controlled spaces, including parking, entry, lawn seating, food and beverage areas, private enclaves, and vendor areas.

Service animals welcome

Qualifying service animals are welcome as required by applicable law and must remain controlled and housebroken.

Discovery Fire loves animals - we host on a historic local farm, so they are part of the landscape we care about. But our event combines lawn seating, blankets, open-air dining, live-fire cooking, hot equipment, smoke, uneven ground, insects, and food-service sanitation needs. For the safety of guests, animals, staff, and the overall dining experience, Discovery Fire welcomes qualifying service animals as required by law, but pets and other non-service animals are not permitted.

1. No Pets or Non-Service Animals

Pets and non-service animals are not permitted anywhere on the Discovery Fire event premises, including parking areas, entry lines, lawn seating areas, food and beverage areas, private enclaves, vendor areas, and other event-controlled spaces.

This includes dogs, cats, emotional-support animals, comfort animals, therapy animals, companion animals, pets in carriers, pets in strollers, and animals brought for personal comfort, entertainment, branding, photography, or promotion.

Guests who arrive with a pet or non-permitted animal may be denied entry or required to remove the animal from the premises. Denial of entry or removal under this policy does not create a refund, credit, transfer, or exchange right.

2. Service Animals Welcome

Service animals are welcome at Discovery Fire as required by applicable law.

A service animal is generally a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. The work or task performed must be directly related to the person's disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets.

Emotional-support animals, comfort animals, therapy animals, companion animals, and animals whose sole function is to provide comfort by their presence do not qualify as service animals under this policy, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

Service dogs-in-training are permitted where required by applicable law. Any permitted dog-in-training must remain properly controlled, leashed where required, visually identified where required, and handled in a manner that does not create a health, safety, sanitation, or operational concern.

3. Permitted Staff Questions

When an animal's service status is not obvious, Discovery Fire staff may ask only:

1. **Is the animal required because of a disability?**
2. **What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?**

Discovery Fire will not ask about a guest's disability, require medical documentation, require service-animal certification, require registration papers, require an ID card, require the animal to wear a vest, or ask that the animal demonstrate its task.

If a guest refuses to answer the permitted questions when the animal's service status is not apparent, Discovery Fire may treat the animal as a non-permitted animal to the extent allowed by law.

4. Handler Responsibility

The handler is responsible for the service animal or permitted dog-in-training at all times.

The animal must remain under the handler's control, stay with the handler, and be housebroken. The animal must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered unless the handler's disability or the animal's trained task prevents use of those devices, in which case the animal must remain controlled by voice, signal, or another effective method.

Discovery Fire is not responsible for feeding, watering, supervising, holding, watching, toileting, or otherwise caring for any service animal, dog-in-training, or other animal.

5. Food Safety, Seating, and Sanitation

Discovery Fire is a food and beverage event, and sanitation is a priority.

Animals may not be placed on tables, chairs, blankets used for dining, counters, bars, serving surfaces, food stations, beverage stations, carts, coolers, or any surface used for food, drink, service, seating, or equipment.

Service animals may remain on the ground next to their handler or as reasonably necessary for trained task performance, but they may not interfere with food service, guest movement, staff operations, or sanitation practices.

Animals may not be fed from guest plates, serving containers, buffet areas, vendor stations, beverage areas, or event-provided food service items.

Service animals may accompany their handler in guest areas where guests are allowed, but no animal may enter kitchens, food-preparation areas, behind-counter spaces, active cooking areas, fire zones, equipment areas, vendor-only spaces, staff-only spaces, barns, sheds, ponds, creek areas, or other restricted areas.

Handlers must immediately clean up after their animals and notify Discovery Fire staff if sanitation support is needed.

6. Event Safety and Farm Conditions

Discovery Fire events involve live-fire cooking, smoke, sparks, embers, hot equipment, uneven terrain, gravel, lawn seating, low lighting, insects, wildlife, domestic animals, and other outdoor farm conditions.

Guests attending with service animals or permitted dogs-in-training are responsible for determining whether the event environment is appropriate for the animal. Handlers are responsible for keeping the animal safely away from fire, heat, food-production areas, equipment, crowd movement, terrain hazards, venue animals, wildlife, and restricted areas.

Discovery Fire may modify access routes, seating locations, or guest flow when reasonably necessary for safety, sanitation, food service, fire operations, emergency access, or crowd control, provided such modifications are made consistent with applicable law.

7. Removal of an Animal

Discovery Fire may require removal of a service animal, dog-in-training, or other animal when permitted by law, including if the animal:

- Is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it;
- Is not housebroken;
- Acts aggressively or threatens guests, staff, vendors, venue animals, or other animals;
- Creates a health, sanitation, food-safety, fire-safety, or operational hazard;
- Interferes with food service, event operations, guest movement, or staff duties;
- Enters or attempts to enter restricted, fire, cooking, equipment, food-preparation, or staff-only areas;
- Is left unattended; or
- Creates waste that is not promptly cleaned up by the handler.

If a valid service animal is properly removed, Discovery Fire will offer the guest the opportunity to remain at the event without the animal, where feasible and consistent with safety, sanitation, and event operations.

8. No Animal Holding, Kenneling, or Vehicle Storage

Discovery Fire does not provide animal boarding, kenneling, holding, supervision, or temporary care.

Animals may not be tied to fences, trees, tables, chairs, railings, signs, equipment, vehicles, or other structures.

Animals may not be left unattended anywhere on the event premises, including in vehicles. Guests who bring a non-permitted animal are responsible for promptly removing the animal from the premises in a safe and lawful manner.

9. Private Enclaves, Vendors, Sponsors, and Groups

This policy applies to all guests, private enclave purchasers, invited groups, vendors, sponsors, contractors, performers, staff, and volunteers.

Private enclave purchasers are responsible for communicating this policy to their guests. No pets, emotional-support animals, therapy animals, animal displays, petting-zoo concepts, animal photo activations, promotional animals, or branded live-animal appearances may be brought into any event area without Discovery Fire's prior written approval and all required legal, insurance, health, sanitation, and safety clearances.

Nothing in this section limits service-animal access rights required by applicable law.

10. Policy Compliance

All guests must follow this policy, posted event guidance, and staff direction. Violation of this policy may result in denial of entry or removal from the event without refund.

Nothing in this policy is intended to limit rights provided under applicable disability laws.