Dogs may be permitted in food service establishments, only under the specific circumstances described in this handout. This information only pertains to pet dogs, not service animals.

**Outdoor Areas**
Dogs may be allowed in an **outdoor** area on the premises if **all the following conditions are satisfied:**

- The permit holder has a Health District-approved plan prior to allowing dogs in its outdoor premises. The approved plan must address the following points:
  - Dogs are on a leash and under the control of the dog owner or confined in a pet carrier.
  - Dogs do not go through the food establishment to reach the outdoor area.
  - Dogs are not allowed on tables, chairs, benches, seats, or other fixtures in the food establishment.
  - The outdoor area is not used for food or drink preparation or utensil storage.
  - If the food establishment provides food and water containers for dogs, employees shall not wash containers in the food establishment.
  - Food employees do not have direct contact with dogs.
  - The outdoor area is maintained clean of animal waste.
  - The permit holder ensures compliance with local ordinances related to sidewalks, public nuisance, and sanitation.

**Indoor Areas**
Dogs, under the control of the dog owner, may be allowed in an **indoor** area on the premises if **all the following conditions are satisfied:**

- The permit holder has notified the Health District in advance in writing that they intend to allow pet dogs inside of the establishment. A plan of operation is not required to be submitted but is recommended.
- The food establishment has very limited food service, such as a tavern or tap room and the business does not prepare food. Only non-time/temperature control for safety foods such as ready-to-eat foods (soda pop, pretzels, cookies, doughnuts, cake, or meat jerky) served from the original package without direct hand contact directly onto or into a container are allowed.
- Dogs are not allowed on tables, chairs, benches, seats, or other fixtures in the food establishment.
- If the food establishment provides food and water containers for dogs, employees shall not wash containers in the food establishment.
- Food employees do not have direct contact with dogs.
- The premises is maintained clean of animal waste.
- The permit holder ensures compliance with local ordinances related to sidewalks, public nuisance, and sanitation.
- The permit holder provides signage to notify customers that the facility allows dogs in its indoor premises.