



# COUNTRYSIDE FARMERS' MARKET DOG POLICY

**Howe Meadow** - Dogs are only permitted during Yappy Hour, from 11am to Noon.

**Highland Square** - Dogs are permitted during all market hours.

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.**

**Winter Market** - With the exception of trained service animals, dogs are not permitted at indoor markets.

- **Dogs must be on a 6' or shorter leash** - even pets in bags and carriers. Retractable leashes are not permitted. Please ensure that leashes do not get tangled in tablecloths, displays, or tent legs, and do not become a tripping hazard.
- **Not all dogs are appropriate for the market setting.** 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, please leave them at home.
  - If your dog has ANY reactive tendencies, please leave them at home.
  - If your dog 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.** Not everyone loves your dog, or dogs in general, as much as you do. Please keep your dog from approaching strangers.
- **You are responsible for your dog's business.** Please prevent them from doing their business in the market area. If your dog does make a mess, you are responsible for cleaning it up.
  - 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.
  - Please be prepared with pick-up bags; you are responsible for disposal. (Howe Meadow is a Zero Waste event - you are required to pack this out.)
- **Any violations of the above practices, or any instances, that compromise the safety - human or food - of the market, will require you to remove your dog.**
- **Please courteously cooperate with Market Staff and Volunteers** in addressing any concerns that arise from the presence of your dog.
- **Multiple violations throughout the season will result in a return to a no-dog policy.**