

Columbiana County Fair
225 Lee Ave, PO Box 356
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Columbiana County Fair does accommodate service animals on our grounds. While we do not discourage visitors with service animals from attending our events, visitors must be aware that there are several factors to consider before deciding to attend our events.

1. The walkways and buildings are sometimes crowded and narrow. Animals not accustomed to heavy foot traffic may be very uncomfortable.
2. Our staff has been directed not to touch the service animal, but other attendees may not understand the role of the service animal and may want to touch the service animal.
3. Any food or water which the animal requires, and appropriate containers for serving food or water to the animal, should be provided by the owner.
4. Sanitary toilet arrangements must also be made by the owner, and, in the interest of health and safety of our guests, our staff will not handle or dispose of any animal waste for the owner.

Service Animal Policy

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the animal must be directly related to the person's disability. Emotional support or therapy animals are not protected by Title III of the ADA unless they perform disability related tasks. Businesses and organizations that serve the public are prohibited from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. Columbiana County Fair welcomes visitors with service animals consistent with applicable laws and regulations and permits service animals in areas where passengers are allowed.

Only dogs that are trained service animals will be admitted to the grounds. Pets and other animals not considered service animals will, under no circumstances, be allowed to board. For a list of pets and animals not approved, see below. Please note: Columbiana County Fair staff may ask what task(s) the service animal performs.

Pets and Animals Not Considered Service Animals:

The following types of animals are not considered service animals and will not be allowed to enter.

- Comfort Animals: Animals not trained to perform a specific task, but which are said to provide emotional support or to relieve anxiety simply by their presence (for example, by the passenger holding or stroking the animal).
- Search and Rescue Dogs: Animals that are trained generally, but not to assist one particular passenger.
- Police Dogs: Other than pre-approved dogs brought on trains by local police departments.

Guests with service animals will:

- Agree to notify a Staff member before admission, as the service animal may require special seating areas for some events. **Staff may ask if the animal is a service animal and what task(s) the service animal performs.**

SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

- o Under the ADA, all service animals must be under the control of its owner/handler. Service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective means. The care and supervision of the service animal is the sole responsibility of his or her owner.
- o Owners will be responsible for all actions of the service animal including the clean-up of all defecation from the service animal.
- o Owners will be responsible with the assistance of Columbiana County Fair Staff to be sure that the animal is not blocking aisles, doors, etc. The person and service animal may be accommodated in a less crowded area.
- o Owners will be held responsible for any damages or injury caused by their service animal.
- o Owners will instruct the service animal to sit at his or her feet. Service animals are not allowed to sit in the aisle or on seats.

Service animals may be excluded from Columbiana County Fair Grounds for the following reasons:

- o Aggressive behavior by a service animal toward any other person, including guests.
- o An animal that is not being controlled by its owner.
- o An animal that poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others.
- o An animal whose behavior (e.g., barking) fundamentally alters/disrupts the experience for other guests and the handler does not take effective action.
- o An animal who is showing signs of severe illness creating health issues or direct threat issues to the health and safety of others that cannot be eliminated by reasonable accommodation (e.g., severe diarrhea, vomiting, bleeding).

If a service animal is not permitted to remain on the grounds, Columbiana County Fair Staff will refund the cost of purchased tickets. Columbiana County Fair Staff will not provide animal accommodations if it's owner/handler wishes to attend without the animal.

For additional information about our Service Animal Policy, please contact us at (330) 424-5531

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