



# DOG FRIENDLY DINING AREAS

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One of the best things about the warmer months in Chicago is dining outdoors. Customers can now dine with Sparky--as long as the restaurant has a dog friendly dining area. A dog friendly dining area requires a supplemental license called a Dog Friendly Area License. This license is for retail food establishments that wish to permit dogs in dining areas that are located outside and accessible from the street.

## What is the Dog Friendly Area License?

The Dog Friendly Area License is a supplemental license to the Retail Food Establishment License. It is required for restaurants or other retail food establishments who wish to allow dogs onto their outdoor dining areas that are accessible from the street such as a sidewalk café or an outdoor patio. Dining areas that are not accessible from the street do not require this license, and cannot allow dogs into the dining area.

*Please note: Businesses that sell or prepare food must allow service animals in public areas indoors and outdoors even if State or local health codes prohibit animals on the premises.*

## What is required?

Applicants must have a Retail Food Establishment License. There are no additional documents or inspections required. If the outdoor dining area is on the public way or sidewalk, a Sidewalk Café Permit must be secured.

## Fees

\$ 450.00 (Renewable every two years.)

## Did You Know ...

- Dogs may only be permitted in areas that are outside and accessible from the street.
- Dogs are not permitted to be in, or travel through, any indoor portion of the retail food establishment or in any area where food is prepared with the exemption of service animals.
- Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Dogs must bear a rabies vaccination tag or other proof of a rabies vaccination.
- Tables and chairs at which patrons with dogs are seated shall be cleaned and sanitized between seating of patrons.
- Dogs may not be provided any food except for water.
- Employees may not have contact with a dog.
- Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in fines of up to \$1,000.



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