



76th ANNUAL CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR
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CHOCTAW INDIAN FAIR POLICY ON PETS

Pursuant to Choctaw Tribal Code Title 21, Chapter 2, the Choctaw Indian Fair shall adhere to the enforcement of Tribal code regulations, which prohibit the entry of pets (dogs, cats, and dangerous dogs) onto the reservation unless they have been registered with or proof of health certificates or vaccinations provided to Choctaw Animal Control and/or the Choctaw Police Department. See www.choctaw.org for a link to the Tribal Code.

Pre-approved pets must be supervised, appropriately restrained, or crated. Pre-approved pet owners must clean up after their pets; must keep their pets away from food areas; and must toilet their pets in areas where there is no foot traffic or in areas designated by the fair committee, any tribal official, or as directed by the Choctaw Police Department or Choctaw Animal Control.

No pets should be left in hot vehicles. Pets found in hot vehicles will be removed and provided shelter through Choctaw Animal Control or taken to a local veterinarian for emergency care. Payment of fines for animal neglect and payment of veterinary bills will be the responsibility of the pet owner.

The Choctaw Indian Fair further exercises its right to prohibit the presence of any other kind of animal, including non-domesticated wild animals or reptiles, onto the fairgrounds without pre-approval of the fair committee or tribal officials. Exceptions will be made when animals are included in pre-approved activities, such as an exhibition or entertainment. Persons found with unapproved animals will be asked to leave immediately. Persons who continue to violate this policy may be charged with violations for disturbance of the peace and may be barred from the fairgrounds.

Service animals, as defined by the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990*, will be accommodated on the fairgrounds. The service animal must be trained to work for the benefit of a person with a disability, whether obvious or invisible. The ADA allows two (2) questions to be asked when a service animal is presented: (1) Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and (2) What is the work or task that the animal has been trained to perform?

Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals do not meet ADA requirements and will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. If an animal that is presented as a "service animal" exhibits threatening or aggressive behavior, growls, attempts to bite at any person, ignores commands, or is generally unruly. The owner will be required to immediately remove the animal from the fairgrounds and may be subject to criminal penalties for the actions of the animal or for failure to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.