



## **Pets/Animal Policy**

All of us at the Alaska Scottish Highland Games love animals but the Alaska State fairgrounds and the Alaska Scottish Highland Games are no place for pets. Dogs and other animals are not permitted on the Fairgrounds unless they are part of an exhibit or are a service animal. This includes leaving your furry friends in vehicles, RV's, or trailers. Please note if animals are found in vehicles, the proper authorities will be notified. Please make arrangements for your pets elsewhere. You will be required to leave the grounds if you bring your pets. There are no exceptions to this rule.

We are committed to the use of service animals by our guests with disabilities. The ADA states, "Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities." SERVICE animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as SERVICE animals under the ADA. SERVICE animals play an important role in ensuring the independence of people with disabilities, and it is the Fair's policy to welcome any animal that is individually trained to assist a person with a disability.

For everyone's safety we ask that you leave your pets at home that includes comfort animals (Emotional Support Animals (ESAs), and Therapy Dogs). PETS are NOT ALLOWED since they do not receive special training and do not perform a specific task to help disabled owners. Crowds are not a good place for pets.

Please be sensitive to our guests with SERVICE animals. Visitors found to have fake service animals will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.

Please read more about SERVICE Dogs and what is covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) here: [https://www.ada.gov/service\\_animals\\_2010.htm](https://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm) or <http://www.myassistancedoginc.org/whats-the-difference-between-emotional-support-animals-therapy-animals-and-service-dogs/>