TIPS FOR DINING WITH YOUR DOG

Although dogs are not permitted inside food facilities (with the exception of service and police dogs), Long Beach restaurants can allow dogs on outdoor dining patios if certain regulations are met. Before planning a dinner date with your dog, you should keep in mind that there may be children and other dogs around, as well as loud talking, noises and various other distractions, which may cause your pet to be fearful or react by lunging and barking. But for dogs who really enjoy dining out, here are some guidelines that you should follow to make your dining experience a pleasant one.

PLANNING YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE

- Call ahead to find out if the restaurant allows dogs on the outdoor dining patio.
- Feed your dog before you dine. A full dog is less likely to wander off in search of a snack.
- Take your dog for a walk before you dine so he is relaxed while you enjoy your meal.
- Pack a water bowl and treats for your dog.

AT THE RESTAURANT

- Follow the restaurant's rules for dogs on the outdoor dining patio.
- Make sure your dog is well-behaved around other people, especially children.
- Do not take your dog into the restaurant to get to the patio.
- Do not allow your dog to sit on the chairs, tables or countertops.
- Put your dog on a leash tied to a chair. A dog tied to a table can result in spilled drinks if the dog is strong enough to move the table.
- Keep your dog close so that he is not in the path of servers or other patrons.
- Bring treats for your dog instead of feeding him or her from your plate.
- Dogs are not permitted to eat or drink from restaurant dishware. Ask a server for a disposable cup or bowl.
- Clean up after your dog. Notify the restaurant staff if they need to do any additional cleanup.

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