

## YOU AND YOUR DOG AT JAKE'S

State law imposes absolute responsibility and strict civil liability on a dog owner whose dog causes injury to someone. Likewise, the owner will likely have liability imposed for injury to another animal.

We permit dogs on our premises to be unleashed for your and your dog's enjoyment in much the same way as the City of Columbia in its dog parks and as do hundreds of cities around the country as well as businesses with outdoor areas. But some ground rules are mandatory:

- With the exception of service dogs permitted under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), no dogs are allowed inside the premises due to SCDHEC sanitation rules. Breaches of this policy could threaten the restaurant's "A" rating and so we simply can not permit this;
- You, the owner, are ultimately in possession of this knowledge and we ask your cooperation to not bring your dog on the premises if known to have a dangerous disposition or history of biting or fighting with other animals;
- Before entry, every dog owner will be required to complete a form accepting responsibility as outlined here, and be required to affirm proper veterinary care, and the peaceful nature of the animal, and acknowledge their acceptance and understanding of the risks of dog ownership;
- No dog is permitted on the premises except under leash, voice, or hand control of its owner. Inattentive or intoxicated owners must leave with their dog;
- If an owner is not able to control his/her dog by leash, voice, or hand, the dog is not permitted to stay on premises;
- Dogs must be leashed or off premises by 11:00 p.m.
- We have a vigilant staff to keep order and safety who vigilantly enforce these rules, but we rely upon you as the owner to anticipate and prevent problems, and to get our staff involved immediately if you become aware of a potential problem animal.
- As with all dog parks, we require that your animal be current on all vaccinations and not be ill or suffer any transmittable illness that might endanger the other animals on premises.

In the event of a dog bite inflicted or suffered by your animal, you should:

1. Involve our staff immediately and document or assist our staff in getting the name and contact information (if possible by copying photo ID) for both the victim of the bite and the dog's owner;

2. Document the description of the dog's involved, by photograph if possible, and determine the circumstances and extent of injury;

3. The owner of the offending dog must agree to provide the victim and manager with veterinary records proving appropriate inoculations. Until those records are provided, the offending dog and owner will be banned from the premises (or all establishments within our control).

4. Upon a failure of owner to provide documentation of inoculations within two days, our managerial staff may complete the appropriate SCDHEC form. Nothing in this policy prevents the manager in his or her sole discretion from completing the form even if the records are timely provided.

5. Pursuant to SC law, the manager will report the incident to the health department *if the dog has rabies or is suspected of having rabies*.

While management assumes no responsibility for dog bites or control of animals, management will assess on a case by case basis whether management will contribute to the veterinary expense of injury treatment occurring on the premises.