

Dog Procedures During Show

Groom Expo

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Attn:

**Grooming Contestants & Assistants
WCFO Competitors & Demonstrators
Show Exhibitors**

Important ... Please read carefully!!!

Welcome to Groom Expo. Because our show is held at The Hershey Lodge, (a facility that does not permit pets) we must take steps to insure that all our dog "happening" are within my contractual agreements with the Lodge.

The Lodge is a fabulous facility for us, and the hotel staff has been wonderful to work with... however there are several issues that are paramount for us to continue to have an ongoing relationship with them. I am legally bound to these agreements. Please read the following, so that the Lodge will continue to see that our event is a good one for them... and us.

Sally Liddick
Show Organizer

**Only Dogs Involved In Contests, Booths And Demonstrations Are Permitted At The Show.
No other Pets Will Be Permitted To Attend.**

SECURE HOLDING AREA FOR DOGS

Where is it?

A Secure Holding Area will be on the Parking Level (underneath the Convention Hall.) Entry to this area is on the mid level garage entrance.

Can my dog be in the hotel at any time?

NO. All Contestants, demonstrators and exhibitors staying at the Lodge must leave their dogs in the secure holding area overnight. Pets are not permitted in the hotel rooms, lobbies or any public area. Only dogs that are being actively used in seminars are permitted in the hallways.

If I am not staying at the Lodge, may I leave my dog in the holding area?

Those contestants staying at nearby "dog friendly" lodging, or coming in just for the day, may use the area. All dogs must be crated (no soft crates) in the Holding Area and on leash outside the holding area (except when in the competition ring or the Puppy Playground.)

Will the holding area be secured?

Yes. It has a double entry door, and is chain link. It is protected from weather. A staff attendant will be on duty as well as a Security officer, during the day. At night, it will be guarded by a security officer. No one is permitted into the holding area without BLUE badge. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted inside the holding area.

SPECIAL BADGE

All persons who have responsibility for a dog must have a BLUE Badge to get into the Secure Holding Area. You and your assistant will be permitted unlimited attendance of the Trade Show and trade show events (a \$25 value). If you have not arranged for badges for your assistants, call Sherri at (717) 691-3388 Ext. 205. There is no charge for badges.

ARRIVING WITH YOUR DOGS

See Attendant to sign your dog into the Secure Holding area. Present your proof of Rabies vaccine or titer. Place your dog in the Secure Holding area first and then check into the hotel. **Dogs may NOT go into the hotel for any reason.**

TIMES OF HOLDING AREA

Pet Security is available from Thursday at 3:00 p.m. through Sunday at 6 p.m.. All dogs must leave the facility by 6 pm. Dogs may be accepted during all show hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. After 6 p.m., security and fencing will be removed.

DOG RULES

The following rules, though stringent, are designed to protect your dogs, and allow us to comply with our contract with the hotel. These rules are not negotiable, and apply equally to every contestant.

1. Dogs are only permitted in the Convention Trade Show Hall and the Parking Level. They are not permitted in the hotel, rooms or lobbies.
2. Dogs must enter the Convention Hall through parking garage steps only (beside the Secure Holding area), as indicated. Ask attendant.

3. Dogs must use exercise area outside Parking Garage. Bags, trash cans and pooper scoopers are available. You must clean up after your pet.

4. Dog holding area is for your convenience. You may leave your dog (crated, of course) at any time during the weekend for as little or long as needed. Hard crates only.

5. Security guard will be on duty through the night. You must wear your BLUE badge... or you WILL be turned away. **ABSOLUTELY NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT BADGE.**

6. YOU are responsible for walking, feeding and handling your dog. Our Attendants are NOT permitted to handle your dog.

7. Holding area will be open Thursday at 3:00 p.m. to Sunday at 6 p.m.

8. You and your designated assistant will be the only ones permitted in the holding area at any time.

9. Do not touch any other crates or dogs in the holding area.

10. Pets should have proof of current rabies or titer to prove immunity. Please show to Holding Room attendant.

11. When you arrive, you must log in with the Holding Area Attendant and have crate properly marked. Allow sufficient time for this.

12. Dogs must be exercised, fed and watered at reasonable intervals. Violators who neglect their dogs will be removed from the contest.

13. Dogs ARE permitted to be with you, on leash, in the Trade Show Convention Hall only during show hours.

14. Bags, water and paper towels will be available in the contest arena, near doors, and holding area. Failure to clean up after an accident will necessitate dismissal from this and future contests. **Never ask hotel personnel to help you clean an accident.**

15. Although all reasonable care will be given, Barkleigh Productions, the Hershey Lodge or attendants will not be responsible for loss, damage, injury or death to a pet in the holding area.

16. Do not visit the Trade Show booths during non-show hours. The stairs near the parking garage holding area are the only entrance to the contest for dogs. A contestant must go past the booths to the contest arena, but do not linger, touch or look at booths during non-show times. Go directly to contest arena only. Assistants may sit in the contest arena chairs but may not visit booths. Violators will not be permitted to continue in the contest.

17. No one under 12 years of age is permitted in the Secure Holding area.

18. Contestants violating these rules will be removed from the show and no refunds will be given.

PUPPY PLAYGROUND

Please use the Puppy Playground which is adjacent to the holding area. It is provided for your dogs at no charge. It is good for lowering stress in your dog during the show and will help make their trip to Groom Expo a memorable experience as well.

GROOMING SALON

Whether you are staying at the Lodge or a nearby hotel, you are welcome to use the grooming salon for all prepping and bathing of your dogs. We want to use the salon to its fullest and create an exciting true salon atmosphere!!!

The salon is open 24 hours a day and is adjacent to the holding area. All equipment and supplies (shampoos, dryers, towels, etc.) Are available for your use in the salon.

Do not remove any items from this area. Vacuum or gather all hair when finished and place wet towels in receptacles. If others are waiting, please bathe your dog as quickly as possible and then move to one of the prepping tables while waiting for conditioners to work, etc.

DO NOT PLUG OR UNPLUG ANY EQUIPMENT in the salon. This overloads circuits and causes BREAKERS TO KICK OFF. This WILL result in ALL the equipment shutting off. Our electricians have carefully planned the needs for each grooming station. DO NOT CHANGE IT!!!!!!

Good luck and have a great time!