

## Pets Policy for Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo

**Effective Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Overview:** The Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo welcomes pet owners and their well-behaved pets to enjoy the event. This policy outlines the responsibilities of pet owners and the guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

### 1. Eligibility:

- Only domesticated pets (dogs, cats, etc.) are permitted at the event. Exotic animals or wildlife are not allowed.
- All pets must be on a 2 m or less leash or in an appropriate carrier at all times. Retractable leashes are not permitted. Please ensure that leashes do not get tangled in temporary structures around the site and do not become tripping hazards.

### 2. Owner Responsibilities:

- **Behaviour:** Pet owners are solely responsible for their pets' behaviour. Aggressive or unruly pets will be asked to leave the event immediately. Please note, not all dog's are appropriate for the Garden and Home Expo. Large Crowds, accessible food, small children and other dogs can challenge your dog's attention and behaviour. If your dog is not comfortable in public, conditions, holds ANY reactive tendencies or is prone to barking, please ensure you leave them home.
- **Control:** Pets must be kept under control at all times. Owners should ensure their pets do not disturb other attendees, vendors, or exhibitors. Everyone has a right to feel safe and comfortable. Please keep your dog from approaching strangers. There may be people with severe fears of animals or allergies. We ask that you be mindful of other people when bring your dog to the Garden and Home expo.
- **Hygiene:** You are responsible for your dog's business. Owners must clean up after their pets immediately. Waste receptacles (Red Lids) will be provided at various locations throughout the expo grounds.
- **Health:** By bringing a pet to the expo, owners confirm that their pet is in good health, up to date on vaccinations, and free of disease or parasites.

### 3. Liability:

- ANY instances of the above practices, or any instances, that compromise the safety of the Garden and Home Expo, will require you to remove your dog from the event.
- The Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo, its organizers, sponsors, and staff are not liable for any injury, damage, or loss caused by pets in attendance.
- ***Pet owners assume full responsibility for any incidents involving their pets, including but not limited to bites, injuries, or property damage.***

### 4. Special Considerations:

- Owners should consider the comfort of their pets. If the event becomes overwhelming, it is advisable to take the pet to a quieter area or exit the event.
- Pets should not be left unattended in vehicles or outside the event premises. NOTE: No pets will be able to enter the main Event Centre. This area is OFF LIMITS for Pets.

### 5. Compliance:

- By bringing a pet to the Lardner Park Garden and Home Expo, the owner agrees to comply with this Pets Policy and acknowledges their responsibilities as outlined herein.

### 6. Policy Changes:

- This policy may be revised at any time by the event organizers, and any updates will be communicated to pet owners prior to or during the event.

**Contact Information:** For any questions regarding this Pets Policy, please contact the Lardner Park office team. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a fun and safe event for all attendees and their pets!