



## Restrictive Pet Policy

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### Policy:

Maple Grove Farm is responsible for assuring the health and safety of all patrons and employees. In keeping with this objective, Maple Grove Farm does not permit visitors to bring their household pets into the Market or to roam on any agricultural crop growing area.

Animals may pose a threat of aggression and or may cause some employees and guests to feel uncomfortable or be distracted by the presence of animals, particularly dogs. In addition, it is against food safety rules to allow animals into the Market.

Maple Grove Farm does wish to Invite pets to take respite in grassy areas surrounding the driveway and request that all pets are on a lead and supervised at all times. Our scenic Farm & Market is a destination for the whole family to enjoy. We please ask you to follow the safety rules regarding your pets so everyone can enjoy the Farm.

Under the Human Rights Code and the Accessibility Ontario Disability Act, Maple Grove Farm fully supports Service Animals for persons with disabilities who use service dogs, these are the only animals that are permitted in the Market.

### Monitoring:

- a. Service animals are highly trained to provide service to handlers with medical conditions or disabilities that are equivalent to any other accessibility aid like a wheelchair. Animals that are used for emotional support are not considered a Service Animal and are not granted access under the Human Rights Code or the Accessibility Ontario Disability Act
- b. No person shall falsely represent himself or herself as being a person with a disability for claiming the benefits of this Act, it is illegal
- c. No person shall falsely represent a dog as being a Service Dog for the purpose of this Act, it is illegal

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