

Bring Your Dog to the Pet Lover Show

We have hundreds of exhibitors at the show and will have thousands of people in the building at any one time. You are welcome to bring your family dog but please make sure your pet will be able to stay calm and friendly with all the noise and distractions at the show. There will be areas of the show that are restricted to pets, such as the cat show and the rabbit agility, meet the breed and birds. If you wish to visit these features please arrange to bring someone with you that can safely handle your pet while you visit the guest pet free zone or if the weather is not too warm, get a stamp for re-entry and let your pet rest in the car briefly while you visit the pet free zone. **You must fill out a waiver to comply with our insurance requirements.** It is available to download from the website or it will be available at the entrance to the show. If you can download it, fill it in, and bring it with you, you will be able to enter the show more quickly. (No one will be allowed in without a waiver!) To make sure you and your pet enjoy the experience and everyone stays safe, here are the requirements below: **(If you feel you can't meet these requirements, please leave your pet at home).**

1. Only bring your pet along if it is well-behaved, non-aggressive and doesn't get stressed out in crowded, stimulating and noisy situations. There is a large diversity of animals, small children, wheelchairs and lots of people at the event. Your pet will be exposed to many unusual animal noises, people speaking loudly on microphones, crowds clapping and attendees cheering. You know your pet best, so please use your best judgment to make sure that your pet will enjoy the Pet Lover Show just as much as you will. Do not bring your pet if your pet gets stressed out in busy, noisy environments or is protective or reactive.
2. Ensure everyone stays and plays safe, please review safe dog greeting behaviors with your children before attending the show. In general, it is best in this environment if children don't pet the animals. If the Pet's owner gives permission, allow the calm pet to sniff their hands and then they should gently pet the animal's chest, chin or back (not the top of its head), speaking calmly and quietly to the pet. Children should never "stare down" a dog, jump on it, grab it from behind or scream at it. If a dog is hyper and won't sit for the owner, walk away and don't allow your family members to pet the dog. Sometimes even the most well behaved pets can be startled, especially if they are already energized being at such an exciting event.

3. Here are the rules for bringing pets:

– Your pet must be current on all age-appropriate shots or you should plan to have your pet's immunizations updated before the event. **Dogs must be on a fixed lead, no longer than 6 feet, at all times.**

– No female pets in heat or unaltered males may attend.

– You'll be required to sign a pet waiver at the entrance, but you can avoid waiting in line by visiting The Pet Lover show website to fill out your pet waiver form in advance.

4. We have pet-potty areas located outdoors. Please use these designated areas. In case of an accident, just like on a walk at the park, please clean or pick up after your pet.

5. Pet water stations will be scattered throughout the expo so that your excited companion doesn't get dehydrated. These are communal bowls, so if you have a puppy or elderly pet, please keep it safe and bring a travel or disposable bowl for their use.

6. This is a large event. If you have a pet breed with you that can't tolerate this kind of exertion, please plan to bring a stroller or wagon for them. The event is indoors but it's a lot of exercise for breeds that don't handle heat or exercise well.

7. Pace yourself! It's a long day and there are many interactive events and displays to see. Make sure you take periodic breaks and give your pet a chance to rest – or step out of the show for a few moments of quiet – if you plan to stay all day. We do have a pet play care area on the show floor that you and your pet can enter for some downtime as well.

8. Many exhibitors offer samples and treats for pets. You may want to consider allowing your pet one or two treats and then allowing her/him to enjoy the rest at home. If you let your dog gobble up as many treats as possible it will really upset their stomach and likely you will see those treats again, perhaps in the car on the way home.

9. If you have a small or tiny dog, you may want to be prepared to either carry it or have a stroller available. There are many large dogs at the show and some small pets may feel overwhelmed. As well, with the big crowds, a small pet may get inadvertently stepped on.

10. Please respect the exhibitors' instructions as you approach their booth. They may request that you keep your distance from their animals for safety concerns.

11. While watching dog shows there will be a spectator zone for guests with their dogs. Please ensure you sit in that area, as it has been designed to make sure that our animal performers won't get distracted while they put on a show for you.

12. If you intend on visiting all parts of the show, make sure you bring a buddy who can care for your pet in the guest pet-free zone. Some areas of the show will be off limits to public pets, due to the nature of the exhibitors in that area.

13. We really want everyone to have a great time at the Pet Lover show. We have received many requests from our guests to bring their dogs and, in order to ensure that everyone has a great time we have worked with experts and trainers to see how best to work with many thousands of guest's pets visiting the show so please follow these rules. Anyone not complying with these rules will impact other people's enjoyment and will be immediately escorted from the show.



Waiver for Animals Attending the Pet Lover Show 2017

I am a SHOW ATTENDEE bringing animal(s) into the 2017 Pet Lover Show, produced by Red Sky Marketing dba Pet Lover Shows (hereafter referred to as the "Event").

I agree to the following:

- I acknowledge that my animal(s) is up-to-date on all age appropriate vaccinations, is not of an aggressive nature, is not in heat, (if a male dog and over six months old), is neutered, and to the best of my knowledge, is free from any contagious diseases or conditions that would make it a danger to any participant, spectator, other individual, or animal.
- I understand and agree that this signed waiver is **mandatory** to have my animal(s) in attendance at the Event.
- I agree to comply with all rules and regulations pertaining to participation in the Event, including the strict adherence to areas that may be designated as out-of-bounds areas by the show management or the Tradex venue.
- I also understand the Event, its employees, owners, members, managers, volunteers, and representatives, and any other individuals or professional entities involved with the production of the Event, reserves the right to refuse admittance to any unruly, aggressive, unsuitable, or visibly ill animal(s). In addition, I also know that my animal may be asked to leave the Event if it displays behaviours that are deemed to be disruptive or dangerous.

Event Name: Pet Lover Show	Date: February 25, 26 2017
I affirm that I am the person designated as responsible for the animal(s) brought to the Event by me and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Pet Lover Shows, Tourism Abbotsford Society, City of Abbotsford any other person, company, or organization from any liability resulting from my animal's attendance. I understand that this Release Agreement is a contract and that I have read all of its terms. I am aged 18 or older and am legally competent to execute this Release Form.	
Print Name:	Signature:
Animal Type / Breed, and Animal Name if Applicable; Please List All, Attach Separate Sheet If Needed:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

Under no circumstances will my information be sold to outside parties.