



Festival Dog Policy

Policy regarding dogs at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom & Wildflower Festivals

Dogs are not allowed at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom and Wildflower Festivals except for service animals as defined by the ADA.

Service Dogs

We welcome service animals at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom and Wildflower Festivals. Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are NOT considered service animals under the ADA and are not allowed inside the event area at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum Mushroom and Wildflower Festivals. Visitors may still walk their dogs, on leash, in other areas of the Arboretum during Festival hours.

In addition, if a service animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it, staff may require that the animal be removed from the premises, in accordance with ADA rules and regulations. For more information on this, please visit:

https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html

Please be aware that Festival staff may inquire about animals brought to the Festival, in accordance with ADA rules and regulations. We offer service animals a laminate (tag) that allows other Festival staff to readily identify that we have already talked with you about your service animal. Tags can be obtained from designated Festival staff members. Identification is not required, but you both will have a much better time if we can clearly see this is a service dog and no additional intervention is required.

The Festival can be an overwhelming place even for some trained animals. We appreciate your patience as our staff provides you with extra information and services that will help you, and those without animals, to enjoy the festival experience.