

## PET WELLNESS FESTIVAL GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY

### Responsibility and Respect

All PWF attendees must register (and pay) at the door.

**ALL attendees**, please be considerate and enter the sanctuary (double doors) with dogs on leash (**no flexi-leads**).

Cats must be in a carrier or carried. Miniature horses must be on a short lead and remain outdoors.

Explore, have fun, BUT be pro-active and aware of your surroundings. Not all dogs want to interact. This is a wellness festival, so if your dog is not use to socializing with new dogs and people, then easy does it. Slow is better.

**10/5:** Be aware of what's going on around you within 10-feet. Within 5-feet ASK before entering someone's (human or dog) spatial / comfort zone.

- 🕒 Do not walk your dog anywhere but behind the closed gates in the sanctuary. There are two fenced areas.
- 🕒 Clean up after your dog (and children). Pooper Scoopers, bags and disposal are available. You should carry your own bags at all times for planet earth.
- 🕒 Pups as young as 4-months and healthy pets are welcome. If your pet is currently be treated, please bring your Veterinarian's approval to attend.
- 🕒 Be mindful that dogs are dogs! There is **no guarantee** of a positive dog-meet-dog interaction. It is your responsibility to take care of and know your dog.

**Weather Cancellations – PWF will be held rain or shine.**

### Children

We encourage families to attend PWF. Children under 16 require supervision. Children under 12 require a **primary handler** to walk the dog. Parents use two leashes, holding onto one. For young children with short attention spans, bring activity books or homework to occupy their time while pets are meeting with wellness practitioners.

### Health/Safety Concerns

Dogs must be **healthy and have a Veterinary Wellness Check before attending PWF, within the year**. Do not bring your pet to PWF if they are not feeling well (coughing, sneezing, skin disorders, diarrhea, lethargic). Get your Veterinarian's advice, letting them know that your dog is attending an event. Be sure your dog (or cat) is free of fleas and ticks by checking their entire body often. See your Vet annually, keeping your dog (cat) up-to-date on vaccines or immunity response titers.

### Refund/Cancellation Policy

There are no refunds for PWF. This is a benefit to raise funds for the registered teams of New England Pet Partners. It honors the pets, contributors and volunteers who gracefully give of their time to make a difference for pet's well-being.