Podiatry Associates, PC Pet policy

Only Working Service Dogs Permitted

For the health and safety of our patients, Podiatry Associates, PC has a No-Pets policy.

Although we love animals, we ask that you please leave your pet at home during your visit to Podiatry Associates.

This No-Pets policy applies to:

- Pets
- Emotional Support Animals
- Comfort Animals
- Therapy Animals

Podiatry Associates, PC complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allowing access for all individuals to public places; therefore, we do allow working service dogs to accompany our patients. Service animals are individually trained to perform work or tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are required to be leashed or harnessed except when performing work or tasks where such tethering would interfere with the dog's ability to perform the work or tasks.

Under the ADA, your service animal can be excluded from a public accommodation if it poses a direct threat to health and safety. For example, if your dog is aggressively barking and snapping at other customers, the facility can kick the dog out. Your animal may also be excluded if it is not housebroken or out of control (and you cannot or won't take steps to control it).

Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. Under ADA regulations that became effective on March 15, 2011, there are no protections for emotional support animals in terms of access to public accommodations and public entities. The Department of Justice has stated that emotional support animals are not protected as service animals under these regulations.

Should you arrive to an appointment with a pet that is not a service animal, you will be asked to remove the animal from our healthcare facility. To avoid any disruption or inconvenience, we ask that you please leave your pet at home.

This Policy has implemented in our practice as of July 2018. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of all our patients.