



Pawsitive Connections Society Event Guidelines

Welcome to our Pawsitive Connections Society events! We're excited to share fun and fulfilling experiences with fellow dog lovers. By attending, you agree to follow these guidelines to ensure a safe and enjoyable time for everyone involved.

1. **Open to All:** Our events welcome all dog lovers! You don't need to bring a dog to join the fun.
2. **Safety First:** The well-being of both dogs and their humans is our top priority. If you or your dog has any medical conditions related to the environment (like allergies), please let your Connections Guide team know.
3. **Leash Policy:** All dogs must be on an 8-foot or shorter leash. For everyone's safety, no flex or retractable leashes are allowed during group walks.
4. **Positive Training Only:** We promote force-free, positive dog training methods. Aversive tools such as prong collars, choke collars, and shock collars are not permitted. Martingale collars and properly used head halters are allowed for safety.
5. **Waste Management:** Please carry biodegradable waste bags and clean up after your dog. Don't forget to bring water for your dog—and yourself! We also recommend a protein snack for longer outings.
6. **Trail Etiquette:** When on trails, stay to the right to allow others—bicyclists, joggers, and fellow dog walkers—to pass on your left. Use a cue word or treats to guide your dog to the side.
7. **Small Dogs:** If your small dog is slowing down, please carry them for a bit. We encourage letting them finish the walk on their own four paws for confidence-building.
8. **Social Interactions:** Limit social greetings at the start of events. This helps dogs feel more relaxed and confident. After the event, when they're tired, is a better time for meet-and-greets.
9. **Family Participation:** We love having people of all ages join us! Please ensure that younger children are supervised and know how to greet dogs appropriately.
10. **Ask Before Approaching:** Always ask a dog's guardian for permission before greeting their dog.
11. **Health Precautions:** Treat your dog for worms, ticks, and fleas, especially since we explore various terrains. We recommend using natural tick sprays, which will be available at events.

12. **Behavior Monitoring:** If your dog exhibits concerning behaviors (like nipping or growling), we're here to help you redirect their focus. If necessary, we may suggest that you and your dog head home for their comfort.
13. **Dog Limit:** Each person can bring a maximum of two dogs, but some events may only allow one for everyone's enjoyment. This information will be noted in event postings.
14. **Leaving Early:** We prefer everyone stays for the full event, but if you must leave early, please navigate responsibly.
15. **Keeping Dogs Safe:** If we encounter other dogs, keep yours close with treats or cues to ensure everyone feels secure.
16. **Health Matters:** If your dog is unwell or showing signs of infection, please keep them at home. We want to protect all participants from contagious illnesses.
17. **Vaccination Requirements:** All dogs must be up to date on their Rabies Vaccine and wear current tags. While not mandatory, we highly recommend the DAPP/DHPP and Kennel Cough vaccines, especially for dogs regularly around others.
18. **Giardia Precaution:** If your dog has tested positive for giardia, please wait until they have a negative fecal test before attending an event. Be prepared to show proof of vaccinations if asked.

Thank you for being a part of our Pawsitive Connections Society! Together, we can create a joyful and safe environment for our furry friends and their humans.