

## 2023 WYOMING SHEEP & WOOL FESTIVAL SPECTATOR OR VENDOR PETS · SERVICE OR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMALS

### **“NO PETS” POLICY**

The Wyoming Sheep & Wool Festival (“WSWF”) maintains a policy that does not permit any pets on the festival grounds, excluding service dogs. Emotional Support animals will only be admitted if the owner provides a mental health and veterinary health documentation as well as confirmation that the animal has appropriate behavioral training. Please see Guidelines for Service and Emotional Support Dogs below. While this is an event for agriculture, spectator’s dogs are not allowed. We fully understand your desire to have your animals with you, but ask that you understand our position. This policy is enforced out of respect and safety for the festival participants, demonstrators, and the animals.

### **GUIDELINES FOR SERVICE AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS**

**\*\*Please note requirements if you intend to bring an Emotional Support dog to the WSWF.**

#### **Required Behavior of Service and Emotional Support Dogs**

The owner is responsible for behavior and controlling the dog. If a service animal behaves in an unacceptable way and the person with a disability does not control the animal, the WSWF does not have to allow the animal onto the festival premises. Uncontrolled barking, jumping on other people, or running away from the handler are examples of unacceptable behavior for a service animal.

The WSWF may exclude a service animal when the animal’s behavior poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others. The animal must behave properly in public and should follow directions from its owner.

#### **Trained service animals**

Trained service animals are animals that receive specific training to perform life functions for individuals with disabilities. Examples include animals that assist with visual impairments, deafness, seizures and mobility limitations.

#### **Emotional support and psychiatric assist animals**

Emotional support animals are animals that provide emotional, psychiatric, or cognitive support for individuals with disabilities, but may or may not have training with respect to the disability. Emotional support and psychiatric assist animals are accepted to the WSWF if certain documentation requirements are met. Visitors must provide five (5) days notice to the WSWF and a letter from a licensed medical/mental health professional in addition to a veterinary health form documenting the health and vaccination records for the animal as well as confirming that the animal has appropriate behavioral training. The WSWF only recognizes service animals which have been trained and certified.

#### **Therapy animals**

Therapy animals, which are pets that have been trained and registered by a therapy organization in order to visit nursing homes, hospitals, schools and other facilities, are not considered to be service animals.

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