

# 2019 FESTIVAL OF THE Arts

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## **Please Leave Your Pets at Home** **2019 Festival of the Arts** April 23-28 • Bicentennial Park



Pets are not allowed at Bicentennial Park during Festival of the Arts, other than service animals in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. According *Oklahoma City Animal Welfare*,

“This Festival policy is in place for the safety of the vendors, attendees and your pet. Pets, even very social and friendly ones, can react poorly when in large crowds. These events can even be stressful to them. This could cause the pet to behave in a manner that is not normal for them, therefore putting the safety of others and your pet at risk. One of the great things about Festival is the food. Some of the food can be harmful to your pet if digested. Pets can also react negatively in the presence of food, especially if they have a tendency to resource guard. Lastly, there are a lot of valuable pieces of art that pets may inadvertently damage. This can affect the artist in many ways. We have a responsibility to protect the artist and their work while at Festival. For the safety of everyone, including your pet, we ask that you keep them at home when attending Festival of the Arts.”

Arts Council Oklahoma City appreciates your cooperation with this Festival of the Arts policy.

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