



Personal Pets Allowed (Camping Area)

ADA Service Animal Only (Show Grounds)

MIDWEST OLD THRESHERS PET POLICY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

ADA SERVICE ANIMALS:

During the Old Threshers Reunion, the only animals allowed on the Reunion Show Grounds are those that align with the ADA's Service Animal Classification for animals (dogs and miniature horses) that are specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. On-duty police dogs, trained animals appearing in a scheduled events and or competitions will be allowed. This policy would be effective from Monday prior to show start and ending on Monday, Labor Day at 3pm.

Service animals are working animals, not pets. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as a service animal under the ADA.

Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

PERSONAL PETS:

Old Threshers does allow Personal Pets in the main reunion campgrounds and main grounds volunteer camping areas. Old Threshers asks that all pet owners in the campgrounds keep the animal on a 4 foot leash or shorter, and must pick up and dispose of any and all droppings left by the animal. The pets must stay in the designated camping area and do not go onto the show grounds. This policy would be effective from Monday prior to show start and ending on Monday, Labor Day at 3pm

See attached map of show grounds area.

Please do not leave pets unattended in vehicles. The authorities will be notified of any animals found in unattended vehicles.

Purpose and Reason for Policy change:

We love our pets as much as anyone; but due to the large crowds of people, large amounts of moving equipment on grounds, and the unpredictable nature of animals, it has proven not to be a good mix. For example, on a more serious note, a little girl was bitten by a dog on the Reunion grounds; and the pet and owners left the scene, which put the young girl through the series of painful rabies shots.