



Animals in Food Facilities

California Food code generally prohibits animals in food facilities with the exception of service animals and law enforcement animals. The exception for service animals is made to be consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Historically, service animals under the ADA were only those that were specifically trained to provide a task or function to an individual with a disability. Recent march 2011 ADA regulatory changes further limit the types of service animals to dogs (and in rare cases miniature horses.) All service animals must always be under the control of the person it serves.

Food facilities in San Francisco on private property may legally exclude any animal that is not a service animal as defined above.

The Department of Public Health does not have the authority to change State or Federal law or regulation.