

4626.1585 6-501.115 PROHIBITING ANIMALS.*

A. Except as specified in items B and C, live animals shall not be allowed on the premises of a food establishment.

B. Live animals may be allowed in the following situations if the contamination of food; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-service and single-use articles cannot result:

(1) edible fish or decorative fish in aquariums, shellfish or crustacea on ice or under refrigeration, and shellfish or crustacea in display tank systems;

(2) patrol dogs accompanying police or security officers in offices and dining, sales, and storage areas, and sentry dogs running loose in outside fenced areas;

(3) in areas that are not used for food preparation, including dining and sales areas, support animals that are trained to assist an employee or other person with a disability, are controlled by the disabled employee or person, and are not allowed on seats or tables; and

(4) pets in the common dining areas of group residences at times other than during meals if:

(a) effective partitioning and self-closing doors separate the common dining areas from food storage or food preparation areas;

(b) condiments, equipment, and utensils are stored in enclosed cabinets or removed from the common dining areas when pets are present; and

(c) dining areas including tables, countertops, and similar surfaces are effectively cleaned before the next meal service.

C. Live or dead bait may be allowed if separately stored so that contamination of food; food preparation areas; clean equipment, utensils, and linens; and unwrapped single-use articles cannot result.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 31.101; 31.11; 144.05; 144.08; 144.12; 157.011*

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