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Beverly Hills Farmers Market Complies with American Disability Act Regulation in Respect to Service Animals



Beverly Hills, Calif. – The Beverly Hills Farmers Market recognizes the importance of service animals and complies with the American Disability Act (ADA) in respect to these animals. The Farmers Market gladly welcomes service animals, however for the safety of the patrons and food products, other animals are required to remain twenty feet away from the market. In accordance to the California Health and Safety Code 114259.5, live animals are not allowed in any food facility and must remain twenty feet from said facility with the exception of service animals as defined by the ADA. “The Beverly Hills Farmers Market is a wonderful place for the community to shop

and gather. To ensure the market remains a safe, inviting and inclusive place for all to enjoy, we follow necessary rules and regulations to make this possible,” says Greta Dunlap, Farmers Market Manager. “We love dogs and other animals, but we need to make sure we adhere to the appropriate rules and regulations for everyone’s safety. Accidents happen, and dogs sometimes come into contact with food, which then requires us to discard the product. Potential dangerous contact with children or other dogs, other patrons who are allergic to animals, urination or defecation accidents, are all examples of what we need to consider,” says Dunlap.

Currently, due to the Oriental fruit fly quarantine, the Beverly Hills Farmers Market is required to place food and produce six inches off the ground, and vendor-sampling makes exposure to animals even more vulnerable. While guidelines are strictly followed, animals are more prone to come into contact with produce. “We appreciate everyone’s understanding of this policy, and we are happy to provide a safe and wonderful place for community to come to shop and gather every Sunday,” says Dunlap.

The Beverly Hills Farmers Market is a weekly outdoor certified market and has been a community meeting place for over 23 years. Every Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., extraordinary farmers and food purveyors provide the finest California-grown, fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables, juices, breads, specialty items and more. The Market is located on the 9300 block of Civic Center Drive, between Third Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Free two-hour parking is available in the Civic Center Parking garage located off Rexford Drive. For more information on the Beverly Hills Farmers Market, visit www.beverlyhills.org/farmersmarket.

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