



DOG-FRIENDLY HONG KONG

In his 2025 policy address, Chief Executive John Lee Ka-chiu proposed a new licensing scheme to allow pet dogs inside restaurants in Hong Kong.

Dog ownership has become popular, and owners enjoy spending quality time with them.

Currently, many restaurants prohibit dogs, often because they fear pets might cause disruption or damage property. This restriction makes it inconvenient and frustrating for dog owners when trying to find suitable places to eat.

The new policy update is excellent news for dog owners, as it will make it much easier for them

to find establishments where they can spend time with their pets.

On the other hand, the policy raises several concerns. Some people dislike animals or are allergic to them. What happens if a person with a dog sits beside them while they are eating? Should they ask the restaurant to remove the dog, or should they tolerate it?

For non-pet lovers, there will be an adjustment period where we may need to accommodate people with pets, even if it causes some irritation. Despite the potential friction, this is a good policy that acknowledges the changing social dynamic.

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