

## 7 Tips to Know When Tailgating With Pets



It's football season again and that is synonymous with tailgating parties before the game. If your dog is well-trained around people, there is no reason why he can't enjoy such social events too.

While many sporting events (especially baseball games) are fast gaining a pet-friendly reputation with Bark for the Park type events, it's important that the stadium where you plan to hold your tailgating get-together is pet friendly. Some grounds have a specially designated pet area. So be sure you find out all the necessary information before you set off for the game.

Here is a checklist to ensure your pooch has a doggone good time!

1. It's important to keep an eye on your dog at all times and have your pet on a retractable leash. This way you can make sure he doesn't wander off and get lost.
2. Make sure your dog is wearing a collar with up-to-date identification on it.
3. Politely tell all the tailgaters present not to feed your pooch and keep an eye on the trash bag – especially if it contains corncobs and meat bones, which can be very dangerous if ingested.
4. Bring your dog his own food and [treats](#) to enjoy and ensure there is a large bowl of water down for the duration of the tailgating party.
5. The asphalt in a parking lot can get really hot. It's a good idea to have a special camping cot for your dog to relax on that is slightly raised off the ground. Also

make sure it's in a shady place.

6. If you regularly go places with your dog, it's a really good idea to keep a well-stocked pet first aid kit in your car. Make a point of checking it from time to time to ensure you have all the basics. It should include tweezers for removing any splinters of detritus that may get stuck in your pet's paws, bandages and antiseptic wipes and a suitable pet antihistamine in case your pet gets bitten or stung by a bee or an insect.
7. If your dog has a busy social life, you will no doubt have [poop bags](#) with you. But with all the fun and games makes sure you use them to clean up not only during the party but also when it's time to pack up and go.