

Tips for Dining out with your dog

We all love our dogs very much. Given the busy work schedules most of us have, we want to spend as much time with them as we can. One way to do so is to bring our dogs with us when we dine out. Here are some ways to make the experience more pleasant.



1

Bring them for a walk before you head to the restaurant

You would want to let them expend some energy so that they can be more relaxed as you have your dinner.

2

Let them have a long-lasting chew while you dine

Chewing is engaging and also relaxing for dogs. It also tires them out while you have your dinner. With a long-lasting chew, they would tire out even before finishing the chew, and would be happy to just rest.

3

Reinforce good behavior

Reinforce good behaviors when your dog offers it (e.g. sitting quietly, lying down, relaxing, etc.). You can do so using their treats or even share with them some of what you are having.

While some schools of thought do not encourage feeding off the table, we prefer to reinforce appropriate behaviors that are acceptable.

If you don't want them jumping up, reinforce when all four paws are on the floor. If you don't want them begging, reinforce when they are lying down and ignoring your food.