

PETS

ON THE FIELD

We know, your pet is another valued member of your family. But because others may have allergies or be scared of animals, many AYSO fields across the country don't allow pets on their fields.

It's AYSO's goal to make your soccer season as safe as possible for you, your family and even your pets. That's why on game day, we ask for you to leave your beloved family pet at home.



AYSO Policy – Pets On The Field

Disclaimer: AYSO is obligated to observe and respect existing regulations and laws regarding the presence of service animals at our fields. Service animals are defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as only dogs or miniature horses that have been trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Other animals, whether wild or domestic, do not qualify as service animals.

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of the most common fears in children is zoophobia, which is the fear of animals. It's hard to imagine that someone could be terrified of your best friend, but zoophobia is very common in both children and adults. And let's think about your furry (or scaly) friend for a moment—it can be overwhelming and very scary to be around all those players and parents.



10%

The percentage of people who have animal allergies in the United States. This jumps up to 30% if a person has asthma. Pet fur isn't the only thing that can cause an allergic reaction; both feathers and droppings from birds can increase allergen exposure.



163,600,000

The number of dogs and cats reportedly owned in 2015. This doesn't include other popular pets such as birds, horses and reptiles. If you add those numbers in, there are approximately 201.5 million pets in the U.S. Can you imagine if everyone brought their pets to an AYSO game?

15%

The percentage of pets that are lost every year. There is so much going on at an AYSO field—from the soccer games, talking to other parents and watching your AYSO player—there isn't much time to pay attention to your animal. With all the commotion on game day, it would be very easy for your pet to get loose and worse, get lost. That's the last thing anyone would want!

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The number of common household pet species. Muffin loves other animals, but will other animals love Muffin? It's hard to gauge how other animals will react to one another in their own species, let alone in animals of a different species. Animals are much like people, they don't all necessarily get along. But unlike humans, animals are naturally more aggressive and will try to protect themselves and their loved ones from animals that they might feel are a threat.



The Creal Soccer Complex is a
PET FREE ZONE.
Please leave your
pets at home during
**ALL practices AND
games.**

THANK YOU for your
help & cooperation!