

Dogs are welcomed at Beef 'O' Brady's

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Dogs are welcome to join their owners for dinner on Tuesdays at Beef 'O' Brady's.

Dogs and their owners can dine together every Tuesday on Beef 'O' Brady's outdoor patio from 4 p.m. until close at least through August, said owner Kevin Williams.

The idea came to Williams two years ago upon reading an Aiken Standard article on the Dog Days events downtown restaurant Papa Russ's hosted when it was still open in The Alley. Papa Russ's started Dog Days to strike a positive chord in the community after the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control began to crack down on customers eating at restaurants with their dogs in tow, primarily in downtown Aiken.

Williams liked the idea. A dog lover himself, he and his wife enjoy taking their two greyhounds to Pizza Joint in Augusta, which hosts a similar event.

"I said, 'Let's do it,'" he said.

He checked with SCDHEC and familiarized himself with the health regulations which Beef 'O' Brady's must follow - meals will be served on paper plates, and customers will use plastic utensils and cups. Dogs must be on a leash, but treats and bowls of water will be available at no charge.

A portion of Dog Dining at Beef 'O' Brady's will benefit the Aiken SPCA.

The patio will open to Dog Dining weather permitting. It can comfortably seat 25 to 30 customers.

Williams will post information on the event in the restaurant and will be sending a blast e-mail to customers on its mailing list very soon.

Beef 'O' Brady's is located at 216 East Gate Drive and can be reached at 642-9461.