

Gunpowder Friends Meeting

Report of a Clearness Committee

Convened to Consider the Presence of Service Animals at the Meeting House

2/16/20

In a loving community, we want to welcome all, to be aware of one another's needs, and to accommodate each other as much as possible. As conflicting needs arise in our Meeting, we hope that all will be sensitive to the needs of others as well as take precautions and do what is possible to manage individual needs.

We are not able to rid our environment of all allergens, though we do attempt to alert Friends to potential allergens and to limit sources of allergens when possible to create a healthy environment for all.

Because service animals are part of our community, animals (including dogs) may be present (or previously present) in the Meeting House. By using our space to best advantage, we will do our best to accommodate various needs in regard to animals.

These issues provide our Meeting with an opportunity to raise awareness and educate ourselves about other challenges Friends face related to accessibility, mobility, dietary needs, sensitivities to chemicals/fragrances, and allergies. We want Friends to feel comfortable expressing their needs and we will try to accommodate as we are able given the circumstances.