OLD FASHIONED HOT DOG CART

Instructions and Recipes
SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important.

We have provided many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.

This is the safety alert symbol.

This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.

All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol.

All safety messages will tell you what the potential hazard is, tell you how to reduce the chance of injury, and tell you what can happen if the instructions are not followed.

Appliance Specifications:
120 Volts, 60 Hertz
500 Watts
IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS

1. NEVER immerse base in water.
2. NEVER use near water.
3. NEVER use an abrasive sponge or cloth on the Canopy or Base.
4. NEVER use a scouring pad on the appliance.
5. NEVER leave appliance unattended while in use.
6. NEVER place anything other than what is being cooked on the appliance.
7. Unplug unit from outlet when not in use and during cleaning.
8. DO NOT operate this appliance with a damaged cord or plug, nor if the appliance ever malfunctions.
9. DO NOT place Base in a dishwasher.
11. This appliance is NOT A TOY.
12. Unsupervised young children and cognitively challenged individuals should never operate this appliance.
13. Young children should be supervised while in proximity of the appliance to ensure that they do not play with it.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

Basic safety precautions should always be followed when using electrical appliances, including the following:

1. Read all instructions before operating this appliance.
2. Avoid contact with moving parts.
3. To protect against electrical shock do not immerse cord, plug or any part of this appliance in water or other liquids.
4. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use, before removing parts and before cleaning.
6. DO NOT operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, nor if the appliance has been damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to the nearest repair shop for examination or repair.
7. The manufacturer does not recommend the use of accessory attachments. Use of accessory attachments may cause injuries.
8. DO NOT use outdoors.
9. Position the appliance as close to the outlet as possible to prevent injury due to tripping over cord.
10. DO NOT place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, nor in a heated oven.
11. Extreme caution must be used when moving any appliance with hot food.
12. DO NOT use the appliance for other than its intended use.
13. An appliance that is plugged into an outlet should not be left unattended while in operation.
14. Check trays for presence of foreign objects prior to use.
15. DO NOT put anything other than food that is intended for cooking in the trays.
16. A short power supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled or tripping over a long cord.
17. Longer detachable power supply cords can be used if care is exercised in their use.
18. The marked electrical rating of an extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.
19. This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way.

20. **Save these instructions!**

**INTRODUCTION**

The HOT DOG CART boils hot dogs and steams buns just like the big, vendor hot dog carts. A condiment tray on the side has compartments for keeping your favorite hot dog toppings such as sauerkraut, cheese and relish. It's a great all-in-one solution for serving hot dogs anytime! The HOT DOG CART can also be used for warming chili and sauces, taco meat, gravy and more.

Features Include:

- Canopy Top
- Bun Warmer with Clear Lid
- Hot Dog Boiler/Steamer with Clear Lid
- Three Condiment Trays with Three Spoons
PARTS & ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY
Your HOT DOG CART requires very little assembly.

- Simply place Steaming Tray and Hot Dog Boiling Tray in the Base.
- Put Steaming Rack on top of Steaming Tray.
- Slide Condiment Tray into side of Base and hang Spoons on Condiment Tray.
- Fit the four Canopy Poles into the holes in each corner of the Base.
- Insert the Drip Tray into the slot at the back of the unit.
- Attach the Canopy Top to the Canopy Poles.

POWER SWITCH & TEMPERATURE CONTROL

- ON/OFF Switch
- Power Light
- Temperature Control (Low / Med / High)

HIGH on Hot Dog Boiling Tray = 212° / HIGH on Steaming Tray = 165° to 185°
HOW TO OPERATE

• Place the HOT DOG CART on a stable surface near an electrical outlet before starting.
• Make sure that Steaming Tray and Hot Dog Boiling Tray are properly inserted.
• Make sure the switch is turned to the OFF position. Plug in unit.
• Always make sure that the cord is away from any water source. It is acceptable to use an extension cord if necessary.
• Flip switch to ON position. The red power indicator light should come on.
• Temperature setting is adjustable using the thermostat knob located near the ON/OFF switch. Adjust to desired temperature setting.
• Add warm water to heating pan, which is on the side closest to the thermostat knob. See below for water measurements. Fill lines will be marked inside the pan. Cooking times may vary.

STEAMING HOT DOGS
Add 1 to 2 cups warm water. Add 6 - 8 hot dogs or more (depending on size). Cook on HIGH for approximately 10 – to 15 minutes to steam. Do not remove lid during steaming. If you remove lid, the hot dogs will take much longer to cook.

BOILING
Boiling is the most efficient way to cook hot dogs. The original hot dog carts boiled hot dogs and most still do. To boil hot dogs, add 2 to 3 cups warm water. Add 6 - 8 hot dogs or more (depending on size). Cook on HIGH for approximately 12 to 20 minutes to boil. The more hot dogs and water you add, the longer it will take to boil. After hot dogs have cooked, turn thermostat to LOW for keeping warm and maintaining temperature.

WARMING CHILI OR SAUCES
Once the hot dogs have cooked to near boiling. Lower thermostat to MEDIUM. Then add chili or sauces to warming pan. This will prevent scorching. When hot dogs & chili or sauce is done, turn thermostat to LOW to keep warm.

By following these simple instructions, your HOT DOG CART will be fun for friends, family and kids of all ages!

STEAMING BUNS
Add ½ cup warm water to steaming pan, which is on the opposite side from the thermostat knob. Place 4 – 6 buns (depending on size) on the steaming rack in the steaming pan, and then cover. Buns will be perfectly steamed in approximately 5 minutes. (Steaming time may vary.) After steaming, remove lid to prevent moisture on lid from dripping and soaking buns.
HELPFUL TIPS

POWER LIGHT
If the red power indicator light does not come on after flipping the switch to the ON position, check the electrical plug to make sure it is fully plugged into outlet.

COOKING
For best results, add hot water to start. Do not over fill the trays. Always leave room for the lid to fit comfortably.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE
• Make sure the unit is unplugged before cleaning. Allow all parts to COOL to the touch, especially the trays.
• Remove Steaming Rack, Steaming Tray, Hot Dog Boiling Tray, Condiment Trays and Spoons.
• Canopy Poles and Canopy also remove easily for cleaning.
• Wash all parts in warm, soapy water, rinse and dry.
• Wipe down Base with soft, non-abrasive cloth.
• To prolong the life of your HOT DOG CART, hand-washing parts is advised. Dishwasher use is not recommended. Never place the Base in a dishwasher.
RECIPE

Use a variety food items with your HOT DOG CART for a quick, easy-to-serve meal:

- A Variety of Regular-Sized Hot Dogs and Wieners (Beef, Turkey, Veggie, or Chicken)
- Foot-Long Hot Dogs
- Sausage Links
- Chili
- Gravy and Sauces

**CONEY ISLAND DOGS**

Topping:

- ½ Pound Ground Beef
- ½ Cup Chopped Onion
- 1 Minced Clove of Garlic
- 8 oz. Can Tomato Sauce
- 1 Tsp. Chili Powder
- ½ Tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 Pound Hot Dogs

Fry beef, onions, and garlic in large skillet until brown. Drain fat. Add tomato sauce, chili powder and Worcestershire sauce and heat thoroughly. Serve hot as a topping on your favorite cooked hot dogs prepared in your HOT DOG CART.

You can cook hot dogs in the heating pan of the cart while you keep your mixture warm in the other pan.

Yield: 4 Servings

**TAPAS CALIENTES**

Topping:

- ⅓ Cup Mesquite Flavored Barbeque Sauce
- ⅓ Cup Chunky Salsa
- 1 4-Oz. Can Chopped Green Chiles, Drained
- ½ Cup Shredded Mexican Cheese Blend
- 1 Small Jalepeño, Seeded and Chopped

While the hot dogs are boiling in the Hot Dog Boiling Tray, combine barbecue sauce and salsa together in the Steaming Tray and cook until hot or bubbly. Place cooked hot dogs in buns and top each with 1 Tbsp. of salsa mixture, 1 Tbsp. green chiles and 1 Tbsp. shredded cheese. OPTIONAL: broil hot dogs just until cheese is melted, then sprinkle chopped jalapeno on top of the melted cheese.

Yield: 6-8 Servings
**VEGETARIAN CHILI DOGS**

**Topping:**

- 3 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- **1½ Cups Chopped Onion**
- 8 Large Garlic Cloves, Chopped
- 2 19 oz. Cans Red Kidney Beans
- 1 19 oz. Can Black Beans
- 1 19 oz. Can White Beans
- ¼ Cup Taco Seasoning
- 1 Tsp. Dried Basil
- **½ Tsp. Dried Oregano**
- **½ Tsp. Dried Thyme**
- **1 15 oz. Can Tomato Sauce**
- **3 Cups Vegetable Broth**
- 1 6 oz. Can Tomato Paste

Heat oil in heavy saucepan over medium-high heat.

Add onions and garlic.

Saute about 8 minutes or until onions are translucent.

Add beans, taco seasoning, basil, oregano, and thyme. Stir 2 minutes.

Mix in tomato sauce, vegetable broth and tomato paste.

Simmer until thickened to desired consistency, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, about 1 and a half hours.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Cook soy dogs (vegetarian hot dogs) in HOT DOG CART and steam buns.

Serve chili hot as a topping on your cooked soy dogs prepared in your HOT DOG CART.

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**BEANLESS CHILI**

- ½ Pound Ground Beef
- ½ Onion, Chopped
- 1 Minced Clove of Garlic
- ½ Tsp. Cumin
- ½ Tsp. Oregano
- 19 oz. Stewed Tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp. Chili Powder
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce

Stir fry beef, onions, and garlic in large skillet until evenly brown.

Drain excess grease and move to a large stock pot.

Season with chili powder, oregano and cumin. Add salt and pepper and hot sauce to taste.

Stir in tomatoes and Worcestershire sauce.

Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer for an hour, stirring occasionally.

Serve hot as a topping on your favorite cooked hot dogs prepared in your HOT DOG CART.

Yield: 6 Servings
RETURNS & WARRANTY

SHOULD YOUR UNIT NOT WORK OR IS DAMAGED WHEN YOU FIRST TAKE IT OUT OF THE BOX, PLEASE RETURN IT TO THE PLACE OF PURCHASE IMMEDIATELY.

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