

DOG POLICY



The following forms part of our terms and conditions, which you agreed to at the time of booking.

There is a charge of **£5 per night per dog**.

We ask that all dogs sleeping in pods are **fully toilet trained**. Any damage must be paid for. All dogs **must be kept on their lead at all times** with no exceptions, for their own safety.

We will not be responsible for your dog during your stay with us. You will be wholly responsible for your dog throughout your stay.

Please **do not leave your dog unattended** for ANY amount of time, especially in the pods.

Please bring a bed or mat for your dog to sit/sleep on whilst in the pod. Do not allow them to sit or sleep on any hired camp beds or on the mattresses in Ardwyn pod.

All dogs MUST be wormed before coming onto the campsite. The wormer you use must contain Praziquantel to kill tapeworms, and ideally your dog will need to have been treated within 3 weeks of your stay (or as recommended by your vet).

Our farm dogs have lovely natures, but **WILL be protective of their territory** (as well as of us and one another). When you arrive, please bear in mind that the dogs will bark initially, and most dogs bark back, especially if they are in the confines of a vehicle. This is to be expected.

DO NOT let your dog out of the car straight away when you arrive. If there are farm dogs loose, they will usually come to greet you. If you do find yourself in a situation where another dog has come to greet your dog, restrain your dog so that they do not approach too quickly, and remove your dog calmly. Never use your own body as a shield between two dogs.

Some further information about our farm dogs

Bronnie (red & white collie) and Floss (black and white collie) are both bitches and live with Jess, and they are only on the farm when Jess is. They are both working dogs and will sometimes be working in the fields with the sheep. When they aren't working, one dog will be chained up. This is because they like to sneak away and go on long adventures together (hunting rabbits). The chain is by the Barn where the fridge and freezer are. This is so Jess can keep an eye on them from the office, and so that they can see what's going on too (they'll bark otherwise). Floss is the younger of the pair, and she's often a little bit shy of people, but she's ok with other dogs after she's been introduced. Bronnie is a bit older and a little bit more set in her ways, and is usually the first to bark, but she has the loveliest of natures. Although they aren't related, they will react if they think the other is being threatened by another dog; once they realise there's no threat, they settle down. We'll try to leave Floss loose and Bronnie tied up while you're on site with your dog (but can tie both up if you prefer).

As well as Bronnie and Floss, there are also other farm dogs that live with Nigel & Di. Rex is Nigel's main working dog, so he may be seen around the campsite too – but we've not noticed him barking at other dogs. Then there's Dwtie, who is a small dog belonging to a staff member – he barks but seems to be all talk and rarely ventures onto the campsite.

It would be helpful if you could:

- Let Jess know when you hope to arrive on your check-in day.
- Park on the car park when you arrive, as by driving on down the drive towards the farmhouse you may encounter the dogs and they may jump up at your vehicle when they see that you have a dog.
- Let Jess know when you arrive back on site during your stay (only if she's there too).
- Let Jess know if you are nervous of the farm dogs barking, or do not feel comfortable approaching them, and we will make alternative arrangements so that they are out of your way (although they are unlikely to bark unless you have your dog with you).
- Keep your dog on a lead at all times and tell us straight away if you encounter any issues; every dog (and owner) is different!