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Welcome back! That's the message from the owners of five top properties eager to welcome you back after the Covid restrictions are lifted (p15).

We join Tracey Radnall and Bertie as they make their way to the Whitebridge Hotel (p6), a classic highland lodge on the shores of Loch Ness with all of its wonderful eccentricities.

DogFriendly's photo competition returns after what can best be described as an 'awful' year for many of us. For your chance to win our top prize of a £1500 stay at a Hilton Hotel of your choice, all you have to do is send us a high-resolution image of your dog that signals brighter times lie ahead. This year there is also a separate category for the professional photographers,

who have the opportunity to win a separate £1000 prize.

Our guide this issue takes in all that's dog friendly about Snowdonia National Park (p27).

We look to Devon and Dorset for this issue's Property Roundup (p43), with 10 top properties in these stunning locations to share with you from our friends at Original Cottages.

There's the ten top pubs for you and your dog (p47), as voted for by you in this year's DogFriendly Awards.

Then we head to Cornwall with Anna Ward Murphy and her dog Pepper as she finds the luxuries on offer at Kewni Yurt (p52), Woonsmith Farm, to her liking. Along with her partner, Steve, they're on a mission to find anything and everything that's remotely dog friendly.

We're joined by retired police dog handler Steve Hutley when he shares a few important tips about how to achieve the perfect recall (p58) and TV vet and entrepreneur Joe Inglis (p64) tells us about his love for dogs, his favourite dog friendly holidays and what dogs have meant to him during lockdown – there goes that word again – in our interview.

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Steve & Lin Bennett with their dogs Charlie and Angel

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Tried & tested **Highlands**

Whitebridge Hotel, Loch Ness

Walking, twitching, fishing and a spot of scandal in the Great Glen by Tracey Radnall

Whitebridge is a hamlet roughly midway along the south side of Loch Ness where it crosses the river Fechlin in the foothills of the Monadhliath Mountains. The location is undoubtedly an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

Finding the prominent road-side hotel dating from 1899 is straightforward. On first impressions it has all the air of a pleasantly old-fashioned highland lodge. Entering via the attractive vestibule, complete with dog towels and treats, it has a lovely relaxed feel about it. It is snug, mellow and welcoming. A bit like walking into extended family's country home. There's no mistaking you are in the Highlands with yards of tartan rugs and antlers defending the walls. Curiosities abound, comfy deep leather sofas, and fireplaces flanked with old black and white family photographs complete the setting, and there are fabulous views in every direction too.





Bertie on the shore of Loch Ness





The hotel's comfy lounge

I wasn't aware of this, but apparently mid-October, when I visited, is peak stalking season, which explains why there's a herd of folk clad in camo outside. There's a jolly group from Sussex who, 'come up every year'. They take a shine to my spaniel Bertie. But I've got my eye on him, although a game hound – he's all for pastoral ball sport rather than wildlife.

Nearby, adjacent Loch Ness is the village of Foyers, famous for the Falls of Foyers. Here, a well-maintained path descends to a viewing platform. The Falls are both hugely high and powerful following an extended spell of rain. It's not the best attraction for those who don't have a head for heights however. On the way back to the hotel, I spot a red squirrel with a black bushy tail – apparently a genetic mutation affording these beautiful creatures added immunity to disease.



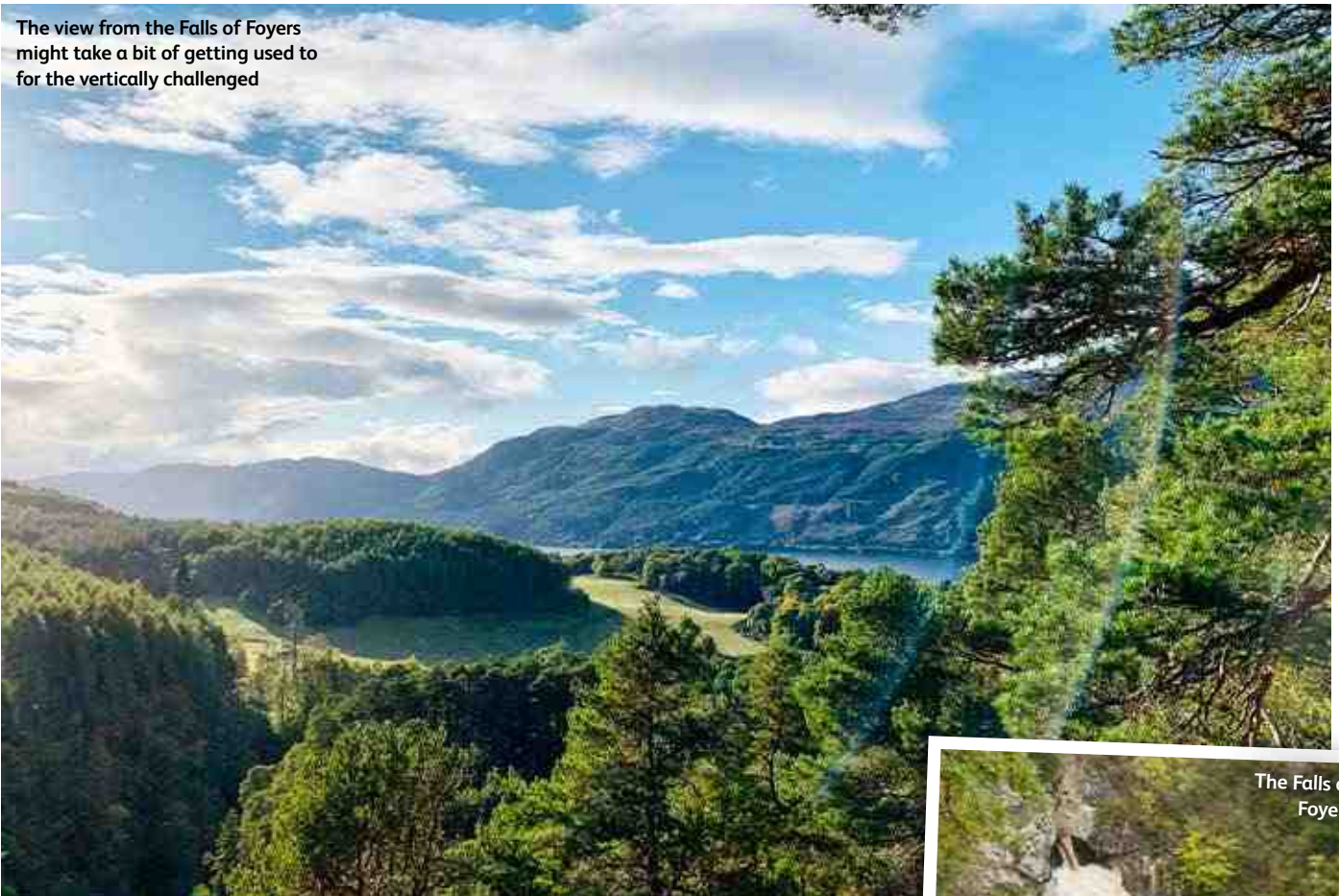
Real antler chandeliers greet you in the entranceway



Whitebridge looks and feels like a classic highland lodge



The view from the Falls of Foyers might take a bit of getting used to for the vertically challenged



The hotel bar, with its attractive wooden pews, features in the Camra real ale guide. I try a pint of the 'Happy Chappy' brewed by nearby Cromarty Ales. A very tasty pint following the epic Falls and an afternoon wandering among the glen. The staff are relaxed and friendly too. Over dinner of local venison, resident waiter Hamish, imparts some handy advice on dog walks from the hotel door.

The next day we cross the old white stone bridge, through a riverside setting containing handsome wooden holiday lodges. Through a farm gate and following the uphill track. There's plenty of high-pitched chatter among several clumps of dense pine as we ascend.

Luckily, we spot a flock of Gold Crests feeding among the pine cones in the bright autumn sunshine. Beyond is a quadrangle of stone sheepfold ruins, deer-fencing and a gate, where it's possible to climb a further 200m to the summit of Beinn Sgurrach (470m) – an excellent viewpoint on a fine day.

That evening back at the bar, an enthusiastic hotel resident imparts several details in quick succession, with regard to how he divides his time between Balerno (near Edinburgh), The Algarve and The Great Glen, before enquiring if I've 'been far'. I inform him I have been stalking in the hills behind the hotel for, err Gold Crests. He doesn't seem too impressed.

The road to Fort Augustus is well worth

a visit too. Do pause to take in the magnificent return view at the end of Loch Ness – tapering into infinity along its 22-mile length. Driving back to Whitebridge the high-road affords another, stunning viewpoint too.

Following dinner on my second night, I make a discovery – local scandal. Nearby, is the location of a tale known as 'The Scottish Lady Chatterley'. Indeed, you'll find a copy of the original in the sitting room bookcase. It's a similar tale of adultery, property, power and money. Back in the late 1960s at the nearby and, appropriately named, Knockie Estate, a real life Mellors tried to kill his Lady Chatterley... A certain Lady MacTaggart, the owner of Loch Knockie shooting lodge and wife of Sir Ian MacTaggart of London, she



The hotel bar features in the Camra real ale guide

Tried & tested Highlands

Bertie on one of the walks from the hotel



was known locally as Mrs Crawthorne, for her regular and apparently open dalliances with her game-keeper. Said game-keeper – Mr Crawthorne, an ex-commando and a crack-shot by all accounts – ‘released an arsenal out of rage’ after finding out his name wasn’t among the title deeds to the estate after the relationship turned sour. He was subsequently handed a nine-year sentence for his errant ways. Her ladyship was heard declaring following sentencing, “I am still fond of him but never want to see him again”. The whole episode was reported in the local press, including Sir Ian’s subsequent divorce proceedings when he described Crawthorne as “the best of the bunch”. Obviously not a ‘happy chappy’.

The next morning, filled with intrigue, I follow the track alongside Loch Knockie to see what all the fuss was about. Happily, it’s both a peaceful and



General Wade’s Whitebridge



Boats for hire on Loch Knockie

beautiful loch-side setting today. The lodge is now privately owned but you can hire a rowing boat – Whitebridge has fishing rights here, where brown trout are in abundance, booking required.

It’s also a great time-of-year for fungi hunting. We manage to spot scores of spores, including many colourful toadstools, Fly-Agaric on the return to Whitebridge.

Whitebridge is an ideal stay too if traversing the length of Scotland, or returning after rounding the North Coast 500.





The hotel's vestibule



Tea and coffee making facilities



Stack 'em high!



FACT FILE

Whitebridge Hotel

ADDRESS Whitebridge, Stratherrick, Near Inverness, Inverness-shire IV2 6UN
GETTING THERE

The hotel is 25 miles south of Inverness on the B862 or ten miles north of Fort Augustus on the B682

CONTACT: 01456 486226 or email info@whitebridgehotel.co.uk

PRICES King size room, ensuite shower, continental breakfast: £85 (single occupancy). Dogs: £5 per night up to a maximum of £20

WEBSITE

whitebridgehotel.co.uk

FOOD The menu contains seasonal, local daily specials such as local sirloin steak or haunch of venison, alongside staple regulars such as beef lasagne, fish and chips and steak and ale pie.

LOCAL WALKS Farm track from hotel to the hillside above the hotel. Path to Foyers 3 miles. Follow the track through the Dell Estate, free-range livestock so keep dogs under close control. The hotel has fishing rights on nearby Loch Knockie. Or simply hire one of their boats for exploring.



Bertie looks the part in his tartan chair



WIN!
A LUXURY
DOGFRIENDLY
BREAK

PHOTO COMPETITION 2021

**Are you a budding dog photographer?
Have you got a great picture of your
dog that shows their best side?**

If you answer either of these two questions with a yes, you should be entering our annual DogFriendly Photo competition, which opens on 1 April.

To be in with a chance of winning all you have

to do is enter your favourite picture(s) of your handsome and beautiful dogs, and you can win one of our amazing prizes, including a fabulous top dog stay at a dog friendly Hilton Hotel worth over £1500!

It is so simple to enter. Decide which category you would like to enter your dog into (see below), then ask your friends to vote for your picture. Photos with the most votes will become one of our 12 finalists.





WHICH CATEGORY WILL YOU ENTER?

Here are previous category winners. Have you got the perfect doggy picture?

CATEGORY: WHAT A POSER!



Winner Dexter Dexter is a four-year-old Airedale Terrier. He is a fun loving clown who thinks he is a lap dog and loves nothing more than exploring the great outdoors then cuddling up with his family. This big lump thinks he is a lap dog – if he fits, he sits! Tracey Pinnington

CATEGORY: ME & MY DOG



Winner Abbi Me and my girl sharing a pear, because we share everything. Joanna Smith

**BRAND
NEW 2021
CATEGORY
PUPPY LOVE...**

**Is your new
puppy the
cutest friend
ever?**

OVERALL WINNER

There is also an overall winner chosen which is not based on votes but purely on photo quality and doggy good looks. This will be exclusively chosen by our celebrity judge to win the Hilton Hotel prize.

NEW THIS YEAR! CATEGORY FOR PROFESSIONAL DOG PHOTOGRAPHERS

This competition is open to amateur photographers. However, for the first time we are allowing professionals to enter in a separate category. Professionals can enter any photo, but won't be included in the main competition. The winner of the professional competition will be selected by our panel of judges and offered a contract with our DogFriendly Magazine worth £1000. Their photos featuring on the cover and inside of the magazine.

CATEGORY: ON MY HOLIDAYS



Winner Eddie lightning Having fun playing with my ball in between splashing in my paddling pool on a sunny day on holiday in the Lake District. Debbie Webb

CATEGORY: PLAYTIME



Winner Embery Embery taking a leap of faith. Elise Jones

dogfriendly.co.uk/photo-competition



PHOTO COMPETITION PRIZES



1ST PLACE OVERALL PRIZE WINNER

A luxurious dog friendly stay at a Hilton Hotel of your choice. Getting the full pamper treatment for both you and your dogs – worth £1500 PLUS A POSTER OF YOUR DOG IN OUR MAGAZINE



CATEGORY WINNERS

£150 voucher to spend in our DogFriendly store on dog outfits, treats and out and about gear.



CATEGORY RUNNERS UP

Free subscription and a gorgeous dog toy for all category runners up.



PROFESSIONAL WINNER

1 year's cover contract with the magazine worth £1000



HOW TO ENTER

Just visit the website address below from 1 April. Use the 'Enter' link at the top of the page. Let us have your details and upload a picture of your dog. You can then share your image on social media, with the hashtag #dfphoto21, to get votes for your dog. The overall winner is chosen irrespective of votes – so every dog has a chance to win the main prize!

dogfriendly.co.uk/photo-competition

Competition opens on the 1 April 2021 and closes at midnight on 30 June 2021. Only one entry per person, except if you are an existing full member or VIP subscriber and then you can upload unlimited pictures of your dog. Professional photographers must declare their status and will only be entered into the professional photographer's category. Entry is free. For full terms see dogfriendly.co.uk/photo-competition.



"We can't wait to welcome you back!"

We talk to the owners of 5 properties from across the UK about how they are preparing to welcome you back

We are all hoping for a return to normal summer vacations and visits to our favourite dog friendly places. Those places that really welcome dogs have been telling us how ready they are to welcome you back, so here we have got in touch with them to check they are okay and see what these very special places have to offer this year – if we can get to see them! Fingers and paws well and truly crossed...



The owners have
four cottages in all



Letheringham Watermill Cottages

Jacqui and Richard, and their delightful labradoodles Teddy, Amber and Lola, can't wait to welcome their four - and two-legged guests back to their beautiful part of Suffolk. They have traditional dog friendly holiday cottages with award-winning five-star exclusive accommodation.

“Social distancing is easy here as our four magical riverside decked cottages are set in seven acres of trees and greenery at this historic Grade II Water Mill.

“We are recent winners of the Visit England Dog Friendly Business Award and during this difficult time we have made sure that our holidays still provide our guests with a high quality stay while ensuring our



cottages continue to meet our very high standards.

“Nestling in the heart of beautiful rural Suffolk, close to the Heritage Suffolk Coast, this is the ideal place to relax with your two and four legged friends. There is no limit on the number of dogs our guests can bring with them and we make no extra charge.

“Our gardens and grounds are completely enclosed by dog proof fencing and a river. We are also surrounded by wonderful countryside and some very beautiful walks. Our fabulous local pub is a short walk away and is extremely welcoming, serves delicious food and is super dog friendly.

“We provide comprehensive information packs in each cottage which also include

Dogs Unlimited Sleeps 2-8



The gardens are all fenced off to keep your dogs safe



The outdoor relaxation space

details of all local walks. We are close to the pretty market town of Framlingham complete with its famous castle and mere. Market days are Tuesdays and Saturdays and provide a wonderful showcase of local fare from fish to cheese, vegetables to pastries, macarons to wine. We are also a short drive from Woodbridge, known for its picturesque river walks and boutique shops. The coastal

town of Aldeburgh is about 25 minutes away and provides a very special day out complete with beach walks, shopping at the fish huts, munching on the town's famous fish and chips or dining at a number of stunning and well known restaurants. Then on the way home a visit to the well known Snape Maltings would offer more lovely walks and a range of wonderful shops.

"As well as the information packs our guests will arrive to find a hamper of goodies and our four-legged guests will be met with their own dog bed filled with towel, treats, poo bags, etc.

"We're not just dog friendly, we are really dog friendly with no compromise on quality. Let us welcome you back as soon as we can."



The low down



PRICE 3 night stay £299 depending on type of cottage

ADDRESS Hall Road, Letheringham, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 7RE

CONTACT 01728 747186

WEBSITE letheringhammill.co.uk

CUSTOMER REVIEW

"Absolutely fantastic. Beautiful cottages, modern, spotlessly clean, very well equipped for both dogs and humans. Dogs can just run and run in the picturesque grounds. Most idyllic setting with plenty of places to visit. All this and the most amazing hosts, for whom nothing is too much trouble. Can't wait for my next visit at the end of the month." Kim Smith

SPECIAL PLACES NEARBY?

A drive to Aldeburgh for a walk along the beach (dog friendly beaches between September and April), the world famous fish and chips for lunch and a stop at Snape Maltings for some more shopping (and another dog friendly walk to Iken) on the way home.



KEY FEATURES

Unlimited dogs allowed, owners have a dog, no limit on dog size, enclosed garden, welcome pack

I know my place!



Quantock Cottages

Being dog owners who have three German Shepherds, Emma and Simon understand that for many a UK holiday without the 'fur kids' is no holiday at all. Yes, here it is. Before stumbling on this most stunning of areas, they lived in London, then in the Cotswolds for 15 years before deciding they wanted a change in life and lifestyle so they moved to the Quantock's in Somerset. Having been the owners of four dogs of assorted sizes they know how difficult it is to find any holiday cottage that will allow more than 'one small well behaved dog'.

"Our three unique luxury dog friendly cottages are located at the top of Somerset's remote isolated and majestic Quantock

Hills – a place where ancient woodland meets wild Jurassic coastline. We genuinely welcome up to three dogs per cottage and more are possible on request.

"The detached luxurious cottages welcome all breeds and multiple dogs. They have glorious sea views, large enclosed private gardens and hot tubs so you don't have to substitute luxury when on holiday with your pets, the two can happily go paw in hand.

"If you dream of a coastal break with strolls along dog friendly beaches or brisk walks on the isolated open moors, our Quantock Cottages will delight both you and your dogs.



"Walkies at the top of your enclosed garden lies the 9000 acres of open moorland which are perfect for walkies and the beach is just a mile and half down the lane.

"We have made sure that each of our three cottages have large gardens that are well fenced with a mixture of close-board and stock proof fencing.

"The secure garden fencing is up to a good height (one of our GSDs must I think be related to stag as she can pretty much jump anything, five bar gates included and she has not been able to escape out of the gardens – we used her as the crash test dummy!

"Each of the enclosed gardens has a mixture of grass and gravel and as the



Dogs 3
Sleeps
4 plus

Relaxing in the
gardens with space
for pooch to play



The low down



PRICE Off peak rates start at £532 for a short break

ADDRESS Pardlestone Lane, Kilve, Somerset TA5 1SQ

CONTACT 01278 741643

WEBSITE quantockcottages.co.uk

CUSTOMER REVIEW

"Everything is set up for the dogs as if they are on their very own holiday which makes it so relaxing for us. We love our pups but to have others treat them with such high regard, was a stand out for us. Add to the treats, and agility course it will be our dogs making the booking next time. I can't say a bad thing about the place – 5* all the way." Bev Palmer

WHAT SPECIAL PLACES NEARBY?

Out of the gate and straight up onto the stunning 9000 acres of open moorland which has deep stream laced wooded valleys and epic coastal views. After a yomp across the hills, then it's a walk down the lane to the Hood Arms pub for lunch.

9000 acres of open moorland surround the cottages, with the beach not far away



gardens are large and private and we have purpose designed and built doggie gates so you can decide how little or how much space your fur kids get to use at any given time.

"If you are worried that when walking on the open Quantock Hills your woofies might chase livestock or that they might just have too much fun exploring and might not want to come back when called, we have a purpose built 3/4 acre enclosed canine woodland play zone complete with an agility course for our doggie guests to enjoy."

"Because you have a hot tub, we felt it only fair that our doggie guests did as well. So by your front door you will find a doggie spa, which has a bath tub, a hot and cold shower and a drying bench."



KEY FEATURES

3 dogs allowed, owners have dogs, no limit on dog size, enclosed garden, welcome pack



Dog proofed gardens!



Haviland Cottage

Dogs 2
Sleeps
7

Alan and Matt have a gang of Golden Retrievers and decided to refurbish their Isle of Wight home into a luxury dog friendly property. They specifically designed it to create a secure, safe and clean dog friendly environment. Matt is also a dog groomer and breeder and the accommodation reflects the highly organised nature of his business. The result is the beautifully presented Haviland Cottage, which sleeps seven guests.

“We resurfaced the whole of the extensive ground floor of the former Coach House & Stables (which is linked to Charles Dickens) in Italian limestone with underfloor heating, and made one of the five bedrooms



A home from home

The kitchen offers everything you could ever need



The low down



PRICE from is £1363 for 7 nights
ADDRESS 66 Madeira Road, Ventnor, Isle of Wight PO38 1QY
CONTACT enquiries@havilandcottage.com

WEBSITE havilandcottage.com

CUSTOMER REVIEW

"We booked Haviland Cottage as it provided our family of seven and two dogs with everything we needed and on our arrival we were absolutely blown away. This property is a real gem, with its beautiful landscaped gardens, spacious accommodation, top end furnishings and equipment, it really is a five-star property. Having stayed in a number of holiday lets, this is simply the best!" Roy

SPECIAL PLACES NEARBY?

Coastal walks directly accessed from the house. Head to Shanklin or Ventnor and come back round to the house.

Bonchurch Inn nearby is a very dog friendly pub/restaurant and Matt recommends a gin and tonic with your dog on the lawn of the Royal Hotel in Ventnor.

High end furnishings throughout



a dedicated dog-snug with its own day bed, direct access to the secure rear garden, even with a SmartTV. The grounds cover 3/4 acre behind 7ft tall stone walls, and contain two large gardens and three terraces (one hosting a five-seater jacuzzi with mood lighting and Bluetooth speakers). As well as a welcome pack for guests there is also a welcome basket for dogs, which includes treats, a toy and dog poo bags.

"We are located on the outskirts of Ventnor with direct access to coastal walks and a beach where you can take dogs all year round, and another just in the off season (although this is a sandy tourist beach). We are also at the base of Saint Boniface downs – the highest point on the island. There are

many more excellent walks across the island.

"The ground floor (dogs are permitted) is Italian limestone, making it easy to clean, and spotless for all arriving guests.

"A separate dog snug, with a day-bed, dog beds, a watering station and a Smart TV! 3/4 acre of secluded dog secure gardens and terraces, most behind thick stone walls.

"A welcome pack for your dogs including treats a toy and poo bags! Direct access to stunning walks, including St Boniface down directly behind the cottage, or wonderful walks down to the coastal paths.

"Despite the fact that Haviland is very dog friendly, the ruthless cleaning regime between guests, means that you would never know the property catered for dogs."



KEY FEATURES

Can leave dog unattended, exercise area, no limit on dog size, two dogs allowed, enclosed garden, welcome pack



Well stoked, well guarded!



The modern dining kitchen



17 The Lanes, Matlock

Sue and Helen bought the property at the end of 2018. They undertook some refurbishment work and opened to their first guests in April 2019. They are dog lovers, having nine dogs between them, so are pleased to welcome your dogs to the cottage. They happily accept two dogs and may take more by arrangement. They know it can be hard to find somewhere to go with more than one dog and do not feel dog owners should have to compromise on quality of accommodation.

“17 The Lanes is located in Bolehill, a former mining settlement, near Wirksworth, Matlock, which is the perfect spot from which to explore some of Derbyshire’s main attractions and, of course, the stunning Peak District National Park. Chatsworth, Bakewell, Haddon Hall, Ashbourne and Matlock are within very easy reach and Carsington Water is only a mile away. Wirksworth is known as the ‘Gem of the

Peak’, and you’ll soon understand why this small market town got its name.

“There is fabulous walking and countryside to explore from the doorstep – your dog will love you for bringing them here! The High Peak Trail is a five-minute walk away and there are footpaths, bridleways and green lanes aplenty! With the town just a short walk away with a great choice of pubs, cafes and restaurants, independent shops, a regular market and an



excellent supermarket, you will not need to use your car at all.

“Opened as a holiday cottage in April 2019, after a programme of sympathetic renovation, we now have over 60 five star reviews and plenty of returning customers.

“We welcome up to two well behaved dogs (maybe more by arrangement). We supply plenty of dog towels and a ‘Go Daddy’ dog wash so you can enjoy your walks without worrying about drying your friend after. We do ask that they are not allowed on the furniture. There is also a cosy log burner and a secure, well fenced garden – really what more could your dog want?

“The lounge is light, airy and spacious and has a wood-burning stove. You’ll also find Wifi and a flat-screen TV with a DVD player and Netflix. There is a modern dining kitchen, fully equipped with everything you might need for a home-from-home stay, including a washing machine.



Dogs 2
Sleeps 4



17 The Lanes welcomes two dogs (more by request)



There are walks from the door for you to explore

“We are located on a hillside, which means that a little footbridge leads you from the first floor of the house to the small but peaceful and secure garden. With a paved patio area and lawn, as well as beautifully stocked flower beds, it’s the perfect space for you to relax with a coffee or a glass of wine while children or your dog play safely. There is also storage for bikes here or you can hire them locally. Unusually for the Peak District we

also have dedicated parking for two vehicles directly opposite the cottage.

“We are members of The Professional Association of Self Caterers and follow their guidance fully with regard to enhanced cleaning protocols. In these difficult times, we are also happy to offer peace of mind when booking – if Covid restrictions mean your holiday cannot go ahead we will offer alternative dates or a full refund.”

The low down



PRICE for 3 nights starts from £250 (off peak), and for a week £558
ADDRESS Bolehill, Wirksworth, Matlock, Derbyshire
CONTACT 07841 869108
WEBSITE 17thelaneswirksworth.co.uk

CUSTOMER REVIEW

“Beautifully restored cottage in a stunning location. Amazing views and walks from the front door. Dog friendly with lovely touches like dog towels and extra bowls. Great communications from Sue the owner. Spotlessly clean and felt really safe with the additional Covid measures. Highly recommend this cottage and hope to visit again.”

WHAT SPECIAL PLACES NEARBY?

After walking/exploring you’ll be hungry and you will be spoilt for choice in Wirksworth with plenty of pubs, restaurants, cafes and takeaways. Our favourite pub is The Malt Shovel on the Oakerthorpe Road. It’s an easy 5-minute drive from the cottage or a pleasant 15 minute walk along quiet lanes. It’s very dog friendly – in fact once we went in there and there were more dogs than people! Food is excellent too.



KEY FEATURES

Owner has dogs, no limit on dog size, two dogs allowed (possibly more), enclosed garden, welcome pack

Eilean Sionnach Lighthouse
Cottage sits on its own
private 4-acre island



Dogs
Unlimited
Sleeps 7

Eilean Sionnach Lighthouse Cottage

The Eilean Sionnach Cottage lies on its own private island a short boat trip from the Isle of Skye coast. Meet the dingy skipper and climb aboard for the dog friendly voyage across the tidal waters before you arrive at your accommodation. Dogs are frequent visitors and the skipper is used to those that may be less sea confident. At low tide you can walk across to the island. The cottage owner is a British American who lives in California with his family. His mother bought the island back in the mid 1980s and he inherited it when she passed away. She was a dog lover – her dog, ‘Doglet’, is buried on the island and the viewpoint behind the cottage is named ‘Mount

Doglet’ after him.

“At Eilean Sionnach Lighthouse Cottage, dogs are every bit as welcome as their two-legged friends. We have no restriction on the number of dogs in one party and you and your dogs are free to roam the four-acre island and surrounding coastline.

“The island is actually tidal, so for a couple of hours each day it’s possible to take longer walks, either over to the neighbouring island of Ornsay, back to the village of Isleornsay on mainland Skye or around the headland to Cruard Bay. Your dogs will love the new smells, sights and sounds and may even enjoy a swim!





The log burner is a welcome sight on a blustery day



“The cottage has four ensuite bedrooms which have been luxuriously refurbished to a high standard and it also benefits from superfast broadband and a range of top quality modern appliances. So it’s a far cry from the days of the old lighthouse keepers...

“It has been very quiet on Eilean Sionnach for the last few months and we’re very hopeful that we’ll be able to welcome visitors and their dogs back very soon. Arrival and departure from the island is via our private boat transfer service – we just love to see those doggy ears flapping in the breeze as they take in the excitement of the boat ride!

“Dogs are also welcome at the local hotel, bar and restaurant, which offers inside and outside dining options. Depending on the tides, it can be possible to walk over for lunch and a pint before returning to the



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island on foot. The perfect doggy day out! If the tides aren’t favourable, our skippered boat can be booked by private arrangement.

“So why not bring your four-legged friends and hide away on your own private island off Skye?”

The low down



PRICE A single price for 2021 of £550 per night

ADDRESS Isleornsay, Skye, Highland IV43 8QR

CONTACT 07572 435156

WEBSITE eileansionnach.com

CUSTOMER REVIEW

“We took three dogs and one cat to the lighthouse. They were all so helpful in helping our older dog get in and out of the boat carefully and safely. The place allows your dogs to roam freely and explore new smells.” Charlotte Kingaby

WHAT SPECIAL PLACES NEARBY?

There are many beautiful walks locally, including just exploring from the island at low tide. A recommended walk, with fantastic views, is the Leitr Fura track. It’s a 5km loop walk close by in the Forestry Commission Forest at Kinloch. It takes you to a ruined historic village. The pub at the pier where you depart for the island is called the Eilean Iairmain Hotel and Am Praban (bar). It’s walking distance from the island and is dog friendly.



KEY FEATURES

Leave dog unattended, exercise area, no limit on dog size, any number of dogs allowed, no charge for dogs

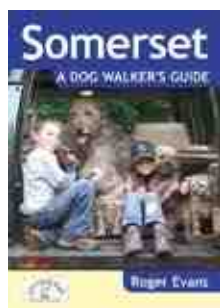
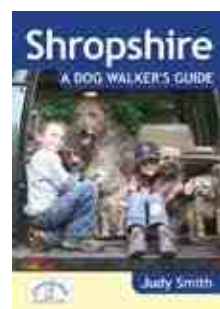
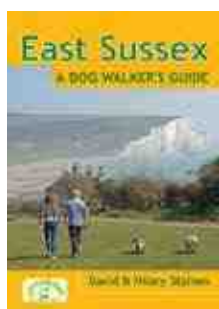
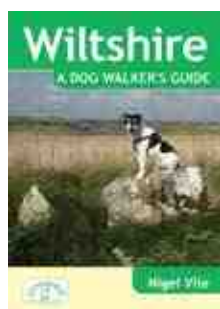
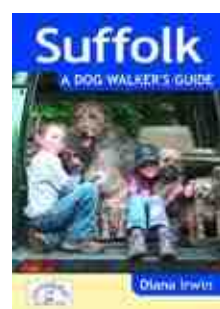
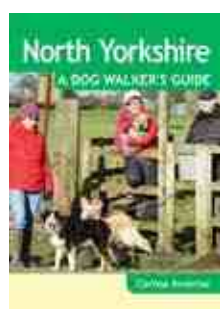
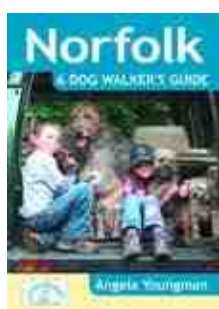
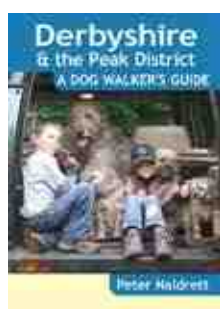


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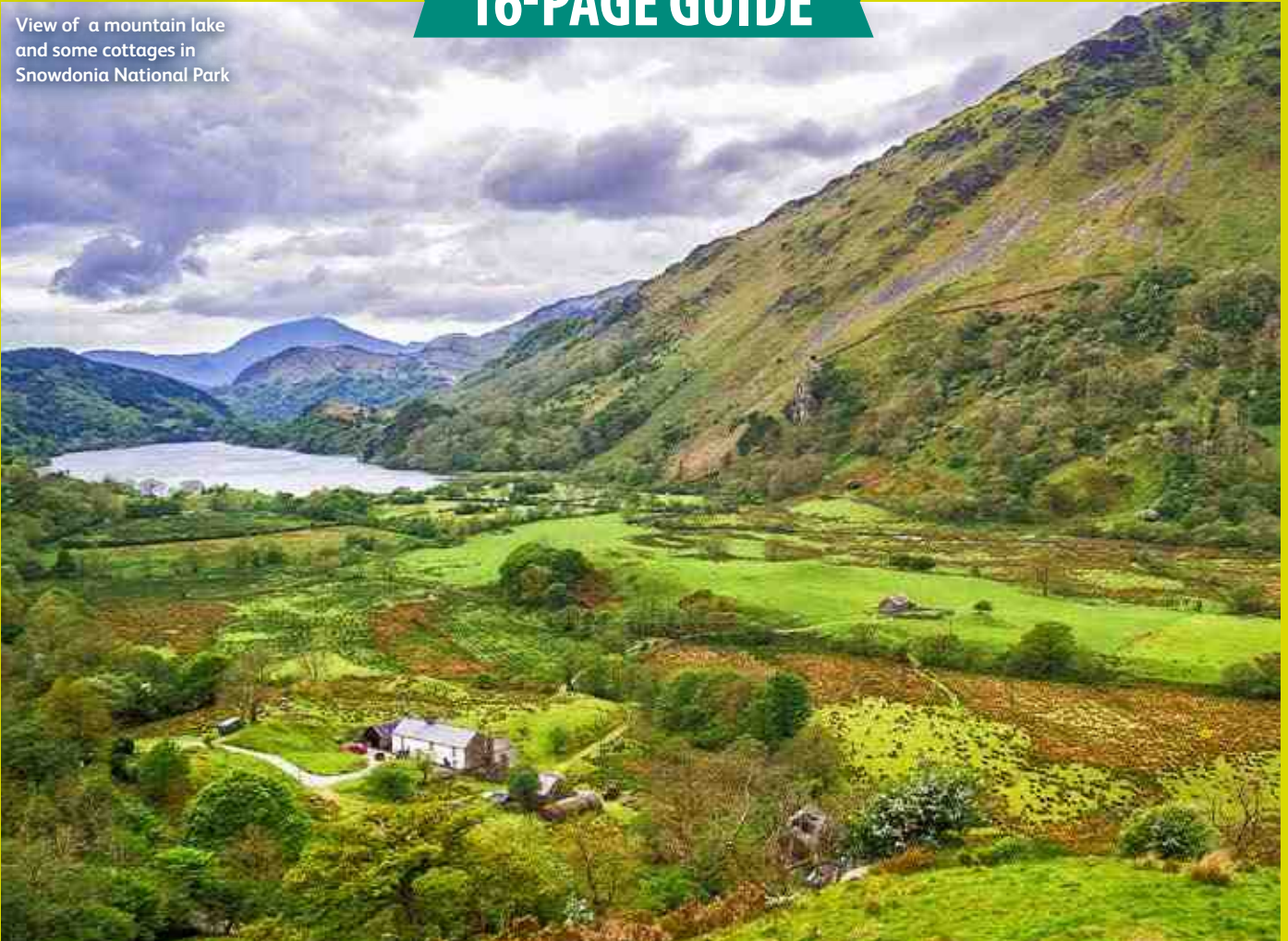
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ADDRESS Pantmawr, Pantglas, Garndolbenmaen,
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**Dogs 2
Sleeps
2**

Why visit Snowdonia

TY CAPEL SARON

ADDRESS T'yn Y Maes, Capel Curig, Gwynedd LL57 3LX

CONTACT 07743 240340

PRICE from £190 per night in June

This beautifully renovated, chapel house is situated in the Ogwen Valley, close to the village of Capel Curig and Betws-y-Coed in Snowdonia.

One mile from Zip World, two miles inside the Snowdonia National Park, Ty Capel Saron is perfect for adrenaline junkies, hikers and outdoors enthusiasts. The property is only half an hour drive from Surf Snowdonia.

This wonderful holiday home is set back from the main road leading into Bethesda, with four parking spaces and a large garden framed by mesmerising mountainous views and a mountain stream.

There are four bedrooms upstairs including a bright, spacious master room with a double bed and decked balcony overlooking the garden.

There is a further snug bedroom downstairs and a large double sofa bed in the open plan lounge area.

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**Dogs 2
Sleeps
12**

STALLION VALLEY LUXURY FARMHOUSE HOLIDAY COTTAGES

ADDRESS Cwm March

Farmhouse Cottages, Llandysul, Ceredigion, SA44 4LR

CONTACT 01559 363444

PRICE A seven-day break starts from £300 for four persons in The Byre

Situated on just over 3 acres of land at the end of a 400-metre stone farm track is 'The Byre', a rustic two bedroom cottage which sleeps four with a double and two single beds. There are no stairs in the house so it's ideal if you prefer a property without steps or need wheelchair access.

There is also another property next door 'The Mill', which is slightly bigger and sleeps six with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Just down the road there is a beautiful walk where you can end up in a dog friendly pub, the Gwarcefel Arms. Local beaches are just 25 minutes away and it's a similar distance to the The Ceredigion Coast Path.

Dogs are charged at £25 per pet per week/break.
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**Dogs 3
Sleeps
4**

FOREST HOLIDAYS BEDDGELEERT SNOWDONIA

ADDRESS Caernarfon,

Caernarfonshire LL55 4UU

CONTACT 03330 110495

PRICE Seven nights from £1305

With just 16 cabins dotted among the trees, Beddgelert Snowdonia feels like a secret location. After a day spent scaling mountains and exploring castles, return to the forest and sink into your hot tub and relax before getting cosy in your cabin and watching the stars come out through floor to ceiling windows.

With cabins that welcome pets, Beddgelert

Snowdonia is ideal for a dog friendly break in Wales and has one, two and three-bedroom cabins.

As you cross the bridge, the tranquillity of the location wraps around you. This picturesque glade within the 700-hectare wider forest has a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees. The river Colwyn cuts through the forest at the edge of the location and creating another boundary is the Welsh Highland Railway. Beddgelert Snowdonia in Wales sits in the heart of the Snowdonia National Park. Climb majestic mountains, explore beautiful river valleys and have

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Sleeps
2-6**



adventures on rivers and lakes. Discover the area's rich history in castles and museums, take a steam train to the coast or visit unforgettable towns and villages.

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Evening light on Mount Tryfan above Llyn Ogwen in Snowdonia National Park

**Dogs 2
Sleeps**
6



With views of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct from the property, be sure to embark on a journey to discover its beauty up close, with the village of Trevor being within easy reach and hosting all your local amenities, it's well worth the ramble.

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FIVE COUNTIES VIEW

ADDRESS Maes Mawr Road, Garth, Llangollen, Denbighshire LL20 7YW
CONTACT 07711 043126

PRICE from £380 to £950 per week
Settled within an idyllic base from which to discover the countryside of North Wales, the imposing property of Five Counties View boasts the perfect accommodation for a getaway with friends or family to this extremely scenic region. Offering spectacular countryside views and a wonderful base for an outdoor adventure.

Stepping up onto the decking and through the front door you will find the sitting room to your right, hosting a woodburning stove sat among a feature tiled room. If you want a quiet spot, take yourself to the snug. The dining room has enough space for everyone. In the kitchen you will find a Rangemaster cooker and a breakfast table.

Head up the stairs to find three bedrooms all boasting exceptional views, in the form of two king-size bedrooms and a twin, it provides a great layout for a multitude of groups, with ample storage space for all.



The old railway station museum in the beautiful town of Llangollen

ELLEN'S CASTLE HOTEL

ADDRESS Dolwyddelan, Betws-y-Coed LL25 0EJ
CONTACT 01690 750207

PRICE from £630 for a week in June
A very welcoming, friendly, character-filled, 18th century inn, set in a beautiful village in Snowdonia, Elen's Castle Hotel makes the perfect escape.

With its cosy bar featuring a log-burning stove, a great restaurant and comfortable rooms, you will be able to relax and unwind in this stunning location. All rooms are ensuite and the hotel has free wi-fi. There are family rooms, double rooms, a twin room and four-poster rooms with amazing views for extra comfort and luxury.

Wherever possible, all their produce is locally supplied using the highest quality suppliers in the Conwy Valley and local area. These include Belmont in Llanrwst who supply all their fruit and vegetables, Bwydlyn multi-award winning traditional Welsh butchers TJ Parry and Daughters butchers in Trefriw who make their deep-filled Welsh Black pies and North Star Distillery who produce their own Conwy Valley Merywen gin.

They offer breath-taking Snowdonia National Park scenery and plenty of space for you, your family and your dogs to take advantage of.
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**Dogs 1
Sleeps**
2

TY BACH, GREAT ORME

ADDRESS 16 St Beunos Road, Llandudno LL30 2JL
CONTACT 01452 760276

PRICE Seven nights from £371

Settled in close reach of the coastal excitement of Llandudno stands the delightful semi-detached dwelling of Ty Bach, Great Orme. It boasts contemporary style and a spacious open-plan living area.

Step through the wide patio doors, offering lovely views of the front garden and head into the sitting area of the open-plan living space. Take a seat around the woodburning stove or simply kick back and relax with a chilled drink. To the rear is the kitchen area, hosting a good selection of appliances to assist you in your culinary requirements, housed around sleek cream units and offering a delightful breakfast bar to enjoy your morning coffee at. Spend more formal occasions at the dining table. Upstairs are two bedrooms, featuring both a double and a single with their own en-suite shower rooms and ample storage space, they are both tranquil slumber spots.

The property also benefits from a rear courtyard. Shop 0.7 miles, pub 0.5 miles.
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**Dogs 10
Sleeps**
3



The best walks

Snowdonia offers walks to suit every ability, from the glorious peak of Mount Snowdon to the tranquil beaches of northern Wales

You get a great view of the sea from the Great Orme summit complex

Start Great Orme Summit car park
Postcode LL30 2XD

Difficulty Hard Time 2½ hours Distance 4¼ miles Map Outdoor Leisure 17



ORME HISTORICAL TRAIL

The Great Orme's dynamic beauty, rich history and natural splendour are well worth the journey...

1 Go to the entrance of the summit car park and follow the road down. Keeping the area of heathland to your right, leave the roadside and head in towards the quarry.

2 Come back out of the quarry and turn left, keeping the bottom of the heathland to your right. Go to the interpretation board at the corner of the stone wall surrounding the farmland.

3 Follow the wall along for about 600 metres, keeping it to your right, until you come to two nature trail markers fairly close together. These will direct you downhill. Follow this path all the way down until it joins

up with Marine drive.

4 When you reach the Marine drive, turn right, crossing over to the other side to walk on the pavement.

5 Carry on along the Marine drive, admiring the view of the mountains. Keep an eye on the area below you to the left. Once you have passed

the houses, you will be looking down on a part of the country park known as the 'Gunsite'. Continue to the interpretation panel overlooking this area.

6 Continue along the Marine drive, gradually bearing right and leaving the gunsite behind. Soon after the road levels out you will come to a farm gate in the wall – the

flat area through the gate is a fine place to rest and admire the views. This is the far north-western point of the Great Orme.

7 Continue along the Marine drive until you see a sign on the right-hand side saying 'Ffynnon Gaseg'.

8 Continue along the Marine drive, passing a concrete road on your right. You will return to this later after a detour to see the Great Orme's Head Lighthouse.

9 Not far beyond the Rest and Be Thankful cafe you will see the lighthouse on the left below Marine drive – a white, square two-storey building.





GELERT'S GRAVE WALK

The walk will give you an insight into why Beddgelert became popular with early travel writers, such as Thomas Pennant and artists such as JMW Turner

1 Turn right before the footbridge over the river Glaslyn and follow the designated footpath. To your right is the church of St Mary.

2 Follow the path along the river Glaslyn and turn right along the path. The 'clawdd' or boundary that follows part of the route is probably one of the earliest boundaries. It's a prominent feature in the landscape and tells us about the traditional skills and land management methods used centuries ago. Today it's also an important haven for plants and wildlife.

3 Turn left along the path and cross the field. You'll arrive at the stone monument of Gelert's grave.

4 Continue along the path to Beudy Buarth Gwyn where inside you'll see a bronze cast of Gelert. The path will now lead you back to the river

bank. Keep an eye out for the dipper as it dives for food in the river, and the herons waiting patiently. Cross a tributary over a small footbridge and you'll see ahead a wooded island in the river Glaslyn called Ynys Dol-leian.

5 The name Ynys Dol-leian (nun's meadow island) gives an indication to the presence of an ancient Christian community in Beddgelert at one time. The river Glaslyn is an important spawning river for salmon and this is illustrated by the gate which you'll walk through here. Follow the river bank until you arrive at a footbridge crossing the river Glaslyn.

6 Cross the river along the footbridge. This footbridge replaces the old railway bridge that closed in the 1990s. A few hundred metres downstream from here is the spectacular gorge of Aberglaslyn Pass.

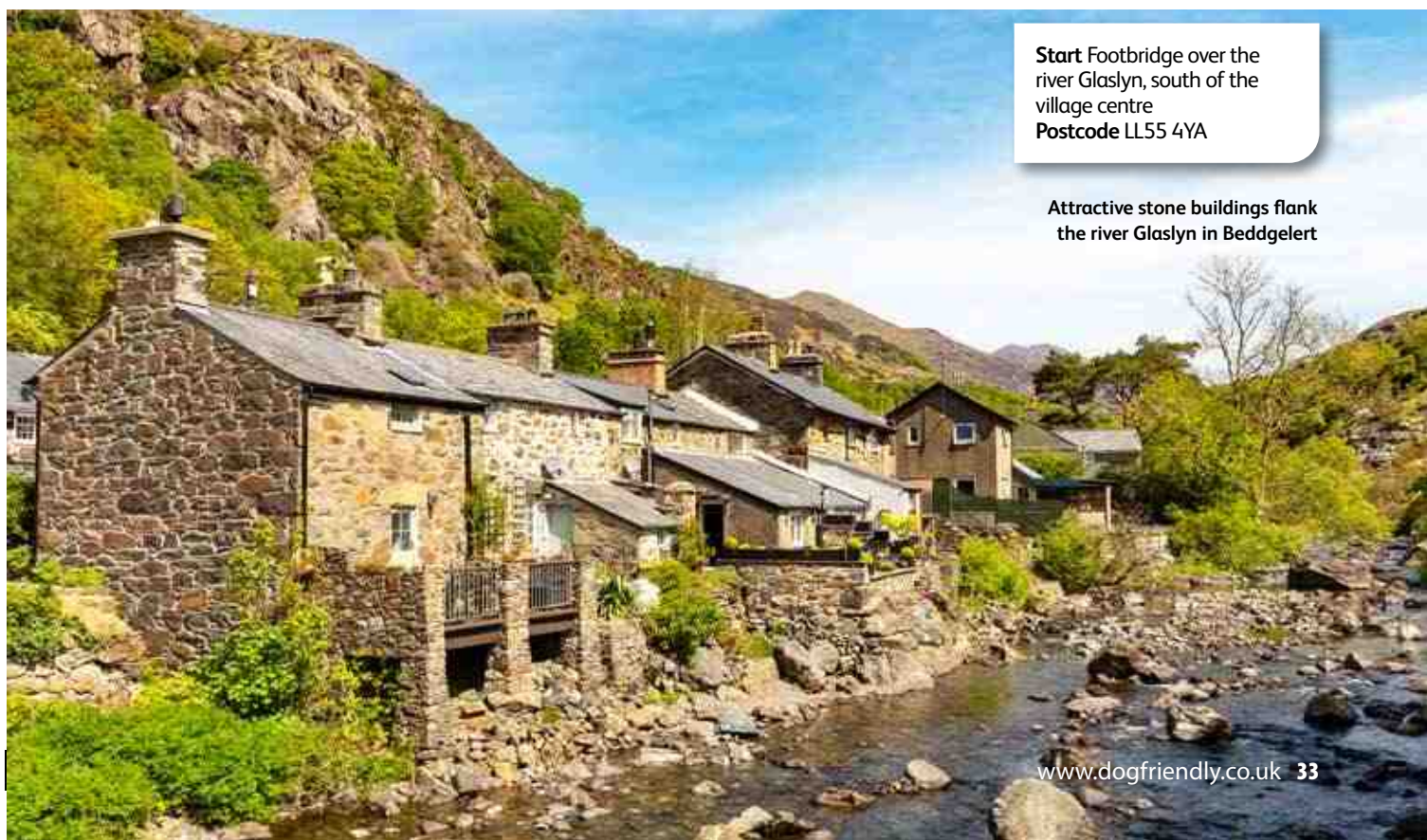


Follow the path as it doubles back along the other opposite bank of the river Glaslyn. On the right, high above you, is Craig y Llan, which was covered in the evasive Rhododendron ponticum until a few years ago.

7 Following the river back towards the village of Beddgelert you'll come to another gate set in the wall. Using locally sourced wood the steam train image made of copper reflects the copper mining heritage of the area and the area's link with the

Welsh Highland Railway.

8 You'll now be nearing the end of the walk and will pass through the last gate, which again is made using locally sourced wood. The gate reflects the carvings that can be found inside the local church. As you re-enter the village you'll pass the picnic site at Cae Gel. This was created to commemorate Alfred Bestall who illustrated the famous Rupert the Bear cartoons and who lived in a nearby cottage.



Start Footbridge over the river Glaslyn, south of the village centre
Postcode LL55 4YA

Attractive stone buildings flank the river Glaslyn in Beddgelert

The best walks



The view from Snowdon, the highest mountain in England and Wales

Map Explorer Map OL17
Snowdon and Conwy Valley
Start Snowdon Mountain
Railway Station in Llanberis
Postcode LL55 4EU

Difficulty Moderate Time 6–7 hours Distance 8¾ miles

THE LLANBERIS TRACK

The Llanberis path is the easiest, having a steady incline but not the shortest path. A well defined path with minimal route finding

1 The start of this walk is the Snowdon Mountain Railway Station in Llanberis. Walk south along the main road and take the first road on your right. This leads you past some cottages/houses and the start of the ascent to the summit. The road turns south and shortly after you take the signed path on the left.

2 Follow this broad path as it climbs steadily. At this stage the summit (still out of sight) seems a long way off but the gradient is not too taxing and you make steady progress.

3 Passing through a short tunnel under the railway you reach Halfway Station.

4 The ascent continues, steepening somewhat just before Clogwyn Station where you cross to the other side of the track via an underbridge.

You are now three-quarters of the way to the top and the next section seems uninteresting as you climb more steeply than the railway to reach the top of the Pyg Track.

5 The top is now in sight and all that remains is the easy final section to the summit cairn. On most days you will not be alone and there is usually a bustling atmosphere as people enjoy the view.

6 To return to the start retrace your steps making sure you keep the railway on your left as far as Clogwyn Station, on your right until Halfway Station and on your left again for the remainder of the route. Refreshments can be obtained at the summit when trains are operating. In winter extra care is needed as two or three sections of the route are subject to icing turning a straightforward summer route into a more dangerous proposition.



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A glimpse of Whispering Sands from the Llŷn Peninsula



Start Car park at
Whistling Sands
Postcode LL53 8LH



Difficulty Moderate **Time** 30 mins–1 hour **Distance** 1 mile **Map** Landranger 253

PORTHOR & THE WHISTLING SANDS

The views are spectacular along this rugged coastline on the northern side of the Llŷn Peninsula. This is a great walk to absorb some of the history and heritage of the area

1 From the car park follow the orange waymarker along the path between the toilet cabins, then through a cluster of willow trees.

2 There are great views of Whistling Sands down on your right. Locals gave this crescent-shaped beach its name because of the squeak or whistling sound the sand makes underfoot. Follow the path until you come to a bench and a kissing gate on your left.

3 Go through the kissing gate and follow the path that winds along the coastline. They are restoring the cliff slopes to your right, using aerial spraying to control bracken and returning to the tradition of grazing this coastline.

4 Keep a good lookout here; you might be lucky enough

to spot a seal, porpoise or even a dolphin swimming off the coast.

5 The two islands down to your right are Dinas Bach (small stronghold) and Dinas Fawr (large stronghold). Further

along the coastline in the distance you'll see the peak of Mynydd Anelog rearing out of the Irish Sea.

6 Soon after you pass the first of the islands you come to a kissing gate with

another immediately on your left. Go through both, following the waymarker up a gentle slope. Look out for yellowhammers and finches feeding on thistle seeds. The double fencing to the fields creates a wildlife corridor for all kinds of animals and birds.

7 Follow the waymarker around the edge of the field up to Carriage. Turn right through the last kissing gate and follow the orange marker past Carreg to the road. Look out for the distinctive red rock, jasper, which used to be quarried here at Carreg.

8 When you reach the road turn left. After about 650 yards you'll see a signpost for Whistling Sands. Follow this lane back to your starting point in the car park.



Difficulty Moderate Time 6 hours Distance 10½ miles Map Explorer map OL23

CREGENNEN LAKES FROM BARMOUTH

This Gwynedd walk is full of variety. The route includes a crossing of the Barmouth bridge, a section of woodland with many waterfalls, two beautifully located lakes and some mountain vistas

1 From the start in Barmouth walk towards the sea and follow the promenade with the sea to your right. Continue around the harbour until you reach the main A496. Turn right and continue along the main road towards the Barmouth bridge. Cross the road and take the footpath that runs over the bridge. There used to be a toll payable but since 2015 this was no longer the case. Cross the bridge with an excellent view across the Mawddach Estuary to your left.

2 Reaching the other side of the Mawddach Estuary look out for a stile on your left (grid ref. SH626146). Cross this stile and walk across a raised dyke towards Fegla Fawr (a large rocky outcrop). Turn left along a rough path heading back towards the estuary shoreline. Continue on this path which continues behind a row of houses. At the end of the houses, turn left and locate the continuation of the path running parallel to the estuary.

3 At the first footpath junction, turn right and walk inland on a signed bridleway. This leads across open land to reach the Mawddach Trail. Turn left and continue along the trail until you reach a small car park on your right. Turn right along the lane, taking a signed footpath on the left. This leads alongside a creek to the main A493 and a small chapel at Arthog. Cross the road with care and take the signed footpath almost opposite up steps into woodland.

4 The path climbs steadily through the woods with a stream on your left tumbling down many waterfalls and cascades. The path is waymarked and eventually you reach the top of the wood and a picturesque clapper bridge across the stream. Cross the footbridge and follow the signed path across open country with views across the Mawddach Estuary to your left and the rocky hill Cefn-hir ahead. The way ahead is never in doubt until you near the road. For the final descent to the road below



Stunning sunrise over Cregennen Lakes with Cadair Idris in background

keep the wall to your right.

5 Walk along the lane uphill past Gefnir Farm until a panorama of the first of the Cregennen Lakes opens up before you. There are many places hereabouts to enjoy a rest and perhaps a picnic. To continue, walk along the lane around the shores of the lake. The lane continues to climb and a view across the second of the Cregennen Lakes opens up on your left by a large standing stone. On this stretch you can also enjoy a wonderful panorama to your left of the Cadair Idris range. Continue along the lane past the second

of the Cregennen Lakes to reach a road junction. Turn right and follow this quiet lane past derelict Hafotty-fach to the next junction.

6 Turn right here and descend steeply at times, passing close to the clapper bridge. Continue on the lane to a signed bridleway on your left. Follow this bridleway downhill to the main road. Turn right along the main road and take the first signed footpath on your left. Follow this path to reach the Mawddach Trail where you joined it on the outward route. Turn left to Morfa Mawddach station. Continue ahead to Barmouth Bridge.

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Start Barmouth
Postcode LL42 1LY



An aerial view of Barmouth Bridge and Afon Mawddach Estuary

THE BEST BEACHES In Snowdonia

You may be looking for a room with a view, but here we have seven beaches with views to die for

There are a total of 22 beaches in Snowdonia that have no restrictions on dogs, although some restrictions apply among our selection. Here are a few we thought you might like to try.



FAIRBOURNE BEACH

Fairbourne beach lies on the North Wales coastline on the southern side of the Mawddach Estuary. At high tide the beach is mainly composed of sloping pebbled banks backed by grassy dunes but when the tide is out a two-mile stretch of golden sand is exposed.

From the beach there are lovely views out into the Irish Sea. A narrow gauge heritage miniature railway operates here during the summer season and this links to a passenger ferry which takes day trippers across the estuary to Barmouth.

The west-facing side of the beach can be popular with surfers when the conditions are right.



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ABERDYFI BEACH

Aberdyfi (Aberdovey) is a long, unspoilt, sandy beach stretching for over 3 miles from the mouth of the river Dyfi (also known as the river Dovey) in the south, opposite the village of Aberdyfi, up towards Tywyn to the north.

This is the place where the Welsh mountains meet the coastline, within Snowdonia National Park, rewarding visitors with a vista of beautiful natural scenery. The beach is backed by some sand dunes and the Aberdovey Golf Club, which offers excellent views of the surrounding coastline.

Walking is a popular pastime in the area, both on the beach and in the surrounding mountains. Sailing and windsurfing are also popular here, and yachting races are sometimes held in the summer months.

A large pay-for car park can be found in Aberdyfi, next to the tourist information centre, and from here there is direct access onto the beach via a ramp or a short flight of stairs. Public toilets can be found at the tourist information centre.

The town has a railway station located next to the golf course and holiday park, a short walk from the beach, with regular services along the Cambrian Coast Line.



LLANBEDROG BEACH

Llanbedrog was put on the map in the 1890s when a tramway was erected here by Solomon Andrews meaning that people could

access this town from neighbouring Pwllheli. Located on the south coast of the idyllic Llŷn Peninsula, Llanbedrog beach has lost none of its former charm. You can expect vast swathes of golden sands that give way to shallow seas

The beach is popular with families. Nature enthusiasts will also find plenty to interest them at Llanbedrog beach as the sands are the home of birds like oyster catchers as well as curlews which wander the beach looking for food.

Just off the main beach you will find winding paths that lead to lush woodlands and heaths along the headland. One of the best walks from Llanbedrog beach includes the ramble up to Mynydd Tir y Cwmwd to the famous Tin Man sculpture which affords stunning vistas back over the wider Cardigan Bay.

Llanbedrog beach also has a range of amenities that make it easy to use and you will find a cafe here as well as disabled access and toilets. One of the signature features of Llanbedrog are its colourful seaside beach huts dotted along the coastline.





MORFA BYCHAN BEACH

Morfa Bychan, known locally as Black Rock Sands, is a sandy beach, with rocky areas. The beach stretches for about 2 miles and is backed by a dune system which has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

A river mouth lies at the south-eastern end of the beach, and the village of Morfa Bychan is a few hundred metres away.

A slipway provides vehicular access to the sands and most visitors park on the beach. Dogs are banned from the central section of the beach, but are allowed on the eastern and western sections.

There are a number of holiday parks in the area surrounding the beach. In the village of Morfa Bychan there are shops, places to eat and a golf club. There are more facilities in the town of Porthmadog.

PORTH CEIRIAD BEACH

The pretty, sandy cove of Porth Ceiriad is situated on a remote stretch of coast towards the end of the Llŷn Peninsula. Despite being one of the loveliest beaches in the area very few make (or manage to find) this somewhat hidden gem.

Porth Ceiriad is rarely very busy as it is a fair walk (around 15–20 minutes) from the nearest parking and involves tramping across fields and down steep steps on to the beach.

While generally quite sheltered the surf at this south-facing beach comes into its own during the winter.

Porth Ceiriad is popular with other watersports too and in the summer the bay here is often teeming with various watercraft, from kayaks up to yachts.



PORTH NEIGWL BEACH

Porth Neigwl, known to locals as 'Hell's Mouth' is a south-west-facing, rural beach on the southern side of Llŷn Peninsula.

This gently shelving pebble beach, which stretches for around 4 miles in length, is flanked by craggy headlands. At low tide a wide expanse of sand is revealed.

If you are more inclined towards land-based activities then there are plenty of good walks in the area.

There are no facilities at the beach itself, although the small village of Llanengan, about half a mile away, has a pub which serves food. Heading west from Llanengan, there is a small car park, from which a well-maintained path leads down to the beach, approximately 200 metres away.

HARLECH BEACH

Harlech beach provides a four-mile stretch of pristine golden sand, with stunning views of the Snowdonia mountain range. The beach is backed by grassy dunes.

The Morfa Harlech National Nature Reserve at the north end of the beach is Wales's only growing dune system. To the south lies Shell Island, a promontory which, as the name suggests, has an abundance of shells.

During the summer months leatherback turtles migrate from warmer climes to feed off jellyfish in the waters off this part of the coast. In 1988 a record-breaking 916kg leatherback was washed up here after becoming tangled in fishing equipment.

Swimming in the clear waters here is generally safe although

there is no lifeguard present and at times jellyfish can be found off this part of the coastline. The beach is popular with families and dog walkers, although there are restrictions on dog walking at certain times of the year.

Thirteenth century Harlech Castle lies around 1000 metres behind the beach. This imposing structure was built as a stronghold by Edward I and played an important role in The War of the Roses and the English Civil War. It is open to visitors throughout the year. When it was first built the castle stood immediately next to the sea!

To access the beach take the Ffordd Glan Mor road from the village of Harlech past the Min-y-don Holiday Park, beyond which is a pay-for car park.

● More from thebeachguide.co.uk



Dog friendly DAYS OUT

Snowdonia offers some great days out to be had with your dog, many with stunning views to behold



SYGUN COPPER MINE

Winner of the Prince of Wales award for tourism, Sygun Copper Mine is a remarkable and impressive example of how our precious industrial heritage can be reclaimed. Their self-guided audiovisual tours allow you to explore the old workings on foot. There are winding tunnels and large, colourful chambers, magnificent stalactite and stalagmite formations and copper ore veins which contain traces of gold, silver and other precious metals. The audio presentation provides an enjoyable, interesting and realistic glimpse into the life of a Victorian copper miner. syguncoppermine.co.uk

LLANBERIS LAKE RAILWAY

The little steam engines take you on a five-mile return journey alongside Lake Padarn, in the heart of Snowdonia. The journey takes you past the 13th century Dolbadarn Castle, across possibly Britain's shortest river and past Llanberis' twin lakes. From Llanberis the train runs non-stop through Padarn Country Park, running along the shores of Lake Padarn to Penllyn, and giving stunning views of Snowdon. There's a short stop at Cei Llydan, a tranquil place that's ideal for a lakeside picnic, and at Gilfach Ddu, where you can visit the National Slate Museum, watch the driver stoking the fire, the engine taking water, or spend some time in the gift shop and cafe. lake-railway.co.uk



HARLECH CASTLE

Harlech Castle crowns a sheer rocky crag overlooking the dunes far below. Against fierce competition from Conwy, Caernarfon and Beaumaris, this is probably the most spectacular setting of any of Edward I's castles in north Wales. All four are designated as a World Heritage Sites. Harlech was completed from ground to battlements in just seven years. Its classic 'walls within walls' design makes the most of the daunting natural defences. Even when completely cut off by the rebellion of Madog ap Llewelyn the castle held out. Dogs are welcome on ground floor of the site. cadw.gov.wales/visitplaces-to-visit/harlech-castle



ZIP WORLD

Zip World offers a host of challenging adventures – mostly for the brave. The Coaster is a twisting barrel of laughs through the trees. One kilometre of gravity-driven twists, turns and thrills through the Fforest wonderland. Treetop Nets take you 60ft up in the trees where you can jump up to new heights on Europe's longest net walkway. Zip Safari is another challenge. Soar your way through the spectacular Fforest site on zip lines, and tackle obstacles at every twist and turn, or pull the trigger and send you and your friends flying through the forest on Zip World's giant swing. Set at 80ft in the air to a breathtaking backdrop, this is one for the thrill seekers. Let your little one use up some of that energy on the Tree Hoppers adventure course. Watch them zip, hop, balance and bounce through this exciting woodland playground. And what's more, it's dog friendly, with an on site kennels that will take care of your dog while you go off to enjoy yourself. zipworld.co.uk



Where to eat

Snowdonia offers many places to eat for you and your dog, just call or see their website to check on current opening times/restrictions



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An aerial view of the historic Caernarfon Castle in Gwynedd

GOLDEN FLEECE INN

ADDRESS Market Square, Tremadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9RB

CONTACT 01766 512421

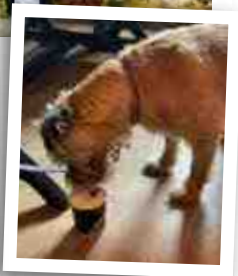
The Golden Fleece Inn offers a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. You can enjoy one of over 70 Welsh gins or a real ale in the quirky pub, relax over a tasty lunch or take dinner in the restaurant and round off your evening in North Wales with a sumptuous night's sleep in their beautifully appointed Tremadog bed and breakfast accommodation. A good meal is the highlight of any break or day out in Gwynedd, and with so much excellent Welsh produce at their



fingertips, it's easy to offer their guests delicious food. From pub favourites like succulent burgers made from 100% Welsh, grass reared beef, to velvety chicken supreme with Caerphilly sauce. If you prefer a simple snack, they have that covered too, with sandwiches, toasties and pizzas, as well as an appealing children's menu.

Situated just 1 mile from Porthmadog in the beautiful Tremadog.

FROM THE MENU Merlot burger, with Welsh cheddar, merlot onion, truffle mayo, truffle-infused chips and parmesan dust.
goldenfleeceinn.com





ERIC JONES CAFE

ADDRESS Fford Prenteg, Tremadog, Gwynedd LL49 9SN

CONTACT 07967 365809

A newly refurbished cafe with outstanding views of the cliffs at Tremadog. Opening times in the present climate are displayed on Google and Facebook.

Dedicated dog friendly seats inside and lots of seating outside where you can sit with your dog and take in the scenery. Only 5 minutes from Porthmadog and about a mile on the Bedgelert road out of Tremadog. Dog bowls and dog biscuits available and plenty of delicious food.

FROM THE MENU Moo Meal with mash: British beef steak and craft ale served with scrummy mash potato; gravy with crunchy onion sprinkles and cheese on top too!
ericjones-tremadog.co.uk



OAKELEY ARMS HOTEL

ADDRESS Tan Y Bwlch, Maentwrog, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd LL41 3YU

CONTACT 01766 590277

The Oakeley Arms has a traditional style bar to reflect the building's heritage. You'll find cosy chairs, comfy sofas and real fires, so all you have to do is relax.

They always strive to offer traditional Welsh cuisine made with local and seasonal produce where possible. The bar menu offers a delicious range of home-cooked meals and specials, with vegetarian options and children's meals.

They also serve tea, coffee, cakes and treats throughout the day.

FROM THE MENU The Oakeley Arms Carvery is served from 12 to 3pm every Sunday
oakeleyarms.co.uk



ALPINE COFFEE SHOP

ADDRESS Station Approach, Betws-y-Coed, Conwy LL24 OAE

CONTACT 01690 710747

The Alpine Coffee Shop is a cafe with a conscience. It is entirely palm oil free, serving up delicious snacks, meals and drinks and catering for all dietary requirements. The coffee shop is one of North Wales' most popular cafes. Situated on Betws-y-Coed railway station at the heart of the Snowdonia National Park it is busy throughout the year. The Coffee Shop, opened in 1973, serves award winning coffee, specialty loose tea/tisanes, smoothies and delicious, quality food.

FROM THE MENU Toasted Artisan bread topped with fried potatoes and onion, bacon and melted mature cheddar cheese
alpinecoffeeshop.co.uk



THE GROES INN

ADDRESS The Groes Inn, Llanrwst Road, Conwy LL32 8TN

CONTACT 01492 650545

The Groes Inn was originally a small two-storey house of 15th century construction. Its biggest claim to fame is that it is the first (and the best) licensed pub in Wales.

The inn enjoys panoramic views combined with a warm cosy welcome, fresh seasonal food and a great range of quality ales and wines. The perfect place to relax and unwind in Wales. They are dog friendly at The Groes Inn, because your best friend deserves a holiday too.

FROM THE MENU The Groes Inn's own slow braised steak & JW Lees ale pie with creamed mash or thick cut chips and ale gravy.
groesinn.com



BRYNTIRION INN

ADDRESS Llandderfel, Bala, Gwynedd LL23 7RA

CONTACT 01678 530205

The Bryntirion Inn is the ideal place to stop over when visiting the picturesque Dee Valley region of north Wales, just four miles from Lake Bala. Dating back to 1695, 'The Bryn' serves real ales, including local ones, provides an impressive list of wines and a food menu designed to tantalise the taste buds of everyone. You will find not just a warm Welsh welcome but also traditional, cosy, well stocked bar with a log fire.

Even the car park is attractive at the inn, surrounded as it is by gardens and a wood.

FROM THE MENU Haddock in lager batter served with chips and mushy peas or garden peas.
bryntirioninn.co.uk



CROSS FOXES BAR & GRILL

ADDRESS Brithdir, Dolgellau, Gwynedd, LL40 2SG

CONTACT 01341 421001

The Cross Foxes is nestled at the foot of Cadair Idris mountain, only 4 miles from the Mawddach Estuary and the historic town of Dolgellau, south Snowdonia. We are graded as Gold by Visit Wales and recognised by the Good Pub Guide. They have been awarded by the Alistair Sawday's Special Pub with Rooms and voted by the Independent as one of Britain's Top 50 Country Pubs. They offer local, seasonal produce, all prepared by head chef.

FROM THE MENU Welsh beef and Cader pie topped with rosemary short crust pastry and served with vegetables and mash or chips.
crossfoxes.co.uk



The famous and scenic Durdle Door on the Jurassic Coast



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Devon and Dorset are perfect locations to enjoy a few days away with your four-legged friends. Home to the magnificent Jurassic Coast, with its miles of golden sand and national parks in abundance, you'll discover some seriously sniff-worthy days out. We've paw-picked our favourites from coastal chic to countryside estates and everything in between

Dogs 2 Sleeps 6



ASHTREE COTTAGE – NORTH DEVON

PRICE from £616 per week
ADDRESS Muddiford, North Devon
Ashtree Cottage is a delightful stone cottage among beautiful countryside within the small hamlet of Muddiford. Surrounded by lush fields and grazing animals, it is the perfect choice for a peaceful and relaxing holiday that your dogs will enjoy just as much as you. With vast open spaces and tranquillity all around, this is an excellent option for those wanting to escape and unwind with a generous dose of greenery. The local pub is just a short stroll away for your post-walk tippie.
CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/asht1-ashtree-cottage-muddiford



Dogs 3
Sleeps
8

RAINBOW COTTAGE – DORCHESTER, DORSET

PRICE from £808 per week

ADDRESS Dorchester, Dorset

Come and discover a quaint thatched cottage set in the prettiest of Dorset villages. Sweeping countryside views surround this traditional abode, with an enclosed beautiful garden for your four

-legged friends to roam free and let their fur loose. The country house kitchen is complete with an Aga, the perfect addition to rural living for a week. Plus, you'll be perfectly positioned between Bridport with its famous street markets and the county's beautiful coastline.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/wy444-rainbow-cottage



Dogs 2
Sleeps
4



HYGGE HOUSE – SHALDON, SOUTH DEVON

PRICE from £410 per week

ADDRESS Shaldon,
South Devon

'Hygge' (pronounced Hoo-gah) is a Danish word that evokes moments of bliss, comfort and cosiness – and this stylishly converted abode truly lives up to its name. Beautiful interiors are matched by equally striking views over the Teign estuary. Watch the sunset from the terrace, which is also the perfect spot for an evening barbecue. For cooler evenings, pop a log into the wood-burning stove and soak up this sumptuous setting with floor-to-ceiling glass doors that bring that awe-inspiring vista inside.

This dog friendly location is a stone's throw from estuary walks and dog welcoming pubs a-plenty.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/hyggeh-hygge-house



JULY COTTAGE – NORTH DEVON

PRICE from £334 per week

ADDRESS July Cottage, North Devon

Discover a charming cottage set in North Devon, which is simply perfect for both you and your canine companions. Close by are the expansive sands of Woolacombe beach, ideal for your furry friends to bound along. Or enjoy the high moors, deep valleys and sparkling rivers of Exmoor National Park. Muddy paws? No problem, this property has its very own dog shower. If you wanted to stay closer to home, there is a community field next door for some off-lead time and the village centre is nearby. There's also your own 'beach' garden to enjoy some well-earned downtime.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/julyco-july-cottage



Dogs 2
Sleeps
4





WILD HILL – WORTH MATRAVERS, DORSET

PRICE from £553 per week

ADDRESS Worth Matravers, Dorset

This village cottage is located within one of the most sought-after settings in Dorset, Worth Matravers. Right in the heart of the Purbecks, it will have everyone's tails wagging with the endless outdoor space and walks. A stone's throw away is the world-famous Square and Compass pub, which is often home to a pop-up local cheese festival and band. You can watch the sunset here above one of the most iconic Jurassic Coast views. The village has a duck pond at its centre and cute tea rooms, making it the ideal spot for exploring the best of the Purbecks.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/wy334-wild-hill



**Dogs 2
Sleeps**
6



5 OCEAN REACH BOLBERRY, SOUTH DEVON COAST

PRICE from £616 per week

ADDRESS Brixham, South Devon

Set only a few pawsteps away from the famous South West Coastal Path, with 180° views across to Burgh Island and beyond, 5 Ocean Reach is in a truly breath-taking location. Head out on foot to the pretty fishing village of Hope Cove just 2 miles away to explore its sandy beaches and enjoy a tippie in the village pub, or just one mile in the other direction is Soar Mill cove to explore. With endless ocean views, peace and off lead space all around, this secluded Devon retreat is likely to get a 5 paw review from your best friend.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/bcocer-5-ocean-reach



**Dogs 2
Sleeps**
4



The enclosed garden includes a firepit

**Dogs 2
Sleeps**
7

THE MEADOWS – SOUTH DEVON

PRICE from £1140 per week

ADDRESS Kingsbridge, South Devon

Set in an enviable location in Kingsbridge on a family farm, this stylish barn conversion has an abundance of character with wooden beams and traditional stone adding to its rustic charm. An additional large barn contains a games room with a dartboard

and table tennis and the enclosed garden makes for happy holidays with your family and four-legged friends alike. This peaceful location is ideal for frolics with your best friend in the surrounding fields. Afterwards, enjoy the outdoor area with a fire pit, perfect for keeping cosy as the stars come out.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/bcmead-the-meadows



Devon & Dorset

Dogs 2
Sleeps
14

HUTCHINGHAYES FARMHOUSE, COMBE RALEIGH, SOUTH DEVON

PRICE from £1723 per week

ADDRESS Combe Raleigh, nr Honiton, South Devon
An impressive country retreat set in an exclusive location of 32 acres and sleeping up to 14, this is the perfect haven for a family get-together with plenty of room for four-legged family members too. There is enough space to tire them out in the grounds alone, with two lakes, so walkies can be as close

to home as you like. If you can tear yourself away for a day, the Jurassic Coast with its awe-inspiring coastal views and the equally famous Dartmoor are just a short drive away.

CONTACT

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co.uk/cottage/hutchh-
hutchinghayes



Dogs 2
Sleeps
8

MARINERS – LYNMOUTH, NORTH DEVON

PRICE from £916

ADDRESS Lynmouth,
North Devon

Settings do not come much more idyllic than this. Directly overlooking the East Lyn river, in the charming harbour village of Lynmouth, is Mariners. Walk along the banks of the river with your four-legged friends to soak up the beauty of this location and before long you'll be at the heart of the village with its tea rooms, pubs and beautiful beaches. It's a fantastic location for dogs and owners alike. The underfloor heating and wood burner make for a truly cosy night in.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/marins-mariners



Dogs 2
Sleeps
4

SUNNY PLACE – SWANAGE, DORSET

PRICE from £518 per week

ADDRESS Swanage, Dorset

Luxury living comes as standard in this impeccably presented bolthole. With patio doors that open across the property leading onto an enclosed garden, the outdoors and natural light flow in and the dogs have freedom to roam. The Jurassic Coast and Durlstone Country Park are within walking distance, and the high street is just five minutes away with its varied and vibrant atmosphere. There are many dog friendly places to eat and drink, as well as the adjacent beach for some off-lead fun.

CONTACT originalcottages.co.uk/cottage/wy521-sunny-place



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Our winner is the Three Tuns of Hertfordshire

Our favourite PUBS

You've been missing your local watering holes! Here's our top 10 that are dog friendly to boot...

YOUR TOP TEN DOG FRIENDLY PUBS

We have been missing our local watering holes, and particularly those that were a second home for ourselves and our dogs. What were last year's most welcoming pubs that battled through the pandemic restrictions? Well, according to your votes in the awards at the end of last year the following are the top ten to make a journey to for the ultimate dog friendly pub experience. Fingers crossed we'll be able to visit these throughout this year to make up for lost time...



The Three Tuns, Hertfordshire

PLACING 2019: top 10 REVIEWS LISTED ON DOGFRIENDLY: 203

ADDRESS High Street, Great Hornead, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, SG9 0NT

CONTACT 01763 289405 **WEBSITE** 3tuns.com

A beautiful country pub set in the picturesque village of Great Hornead, Hertfordshire, surrounded by stunning countryside walks for you and your pooch to explore together. Super dog friendly and also has a lovely secure beer garden for you and your canine friend to enjoy. Free doggie treats for every doggie visitor and always a fresh water bowl at the ready.

"The Three Tuns is a beautiful, warm, and welcoming pub. Anita and Neil are wonderful pub owners and have created a safe place for dogs... and their owners! Gated gardens, plenty of yummy treats, toys, friends, and a safe, stunning fire to lay next to after long countryside walks." **Sophie O**



The Maltings, Cheshire



PLACING 2019: 3rd place REVIEWS LISTED ON DOGFRIENDLY: 103

ADDRESS Bewsey Farm Close, Warrington, Cheshire, WA5 9PB

CONTACT 01925 658952

WEBSITE facebook.com/maltingswarrington

A friendly local dog friendly pub serving homemade pub food with a wide selection of lagers, ciders, ales and spirits. Its dog friendly credentials include organising twice weekly dog walks. It received the second most number of votes in our DogFriendly Awards competition, even better than its third placing from 2019.

“Definitely the best dog friendly pub we’ve been to in Warrington – dogs are welcome everywhere – they are catered for with water, biscuits and meals. People are also made to feel welcome and the food is absolutely delicious. Great dog walking just out of the pub along the canal, with lots of tables outside as well. Fab!” *Vicky Rowley*



Three's a crowd!



All together for walkies!



Forty winks!



The Runner got off to a flying start in this year's awards

The Runner, Swindon



PLACING 2019: Not placed
REVIEWS LISTED ON DOGFRIENDLY: 102

ADDRESS The Runner, Wootton Bassett Road, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 4NQ

CONTACT 01793 523903

WEBSITE runninghorsepub.co.uk

Coming from a previous DogFriendly Award-winning pub, Jayne Tilsbury relocated to take over The Runner, Swindon, in 2020, just before Covid meant they had to close for many months. That didn't stop their enthusiasm to convert their latest pub into a dog friendly establishment.

The pub offers dog beds, dog towels, and free dog treats. Sell the very best doggy ice cream and Woof and Brew drinks products for your dogs. And have lots of fresh water bowls and outside in the garden they have a doggy paddling pool. From a standing start the team achieved a finalist placing in the 2020 competition.

"My family and I were warmly welcomed at The Runner with our Cocker Spaniel during a bad storm. The kind staff were at hand with towels and a bed for our Cocker, while the food and drink were of an excellent quality. This is a highly recommended dog-friendly pub." Kris





The Chairmaker's Arms

ADDRESS The Chairmakers, Worlds End, Hambledon, Hampshire PO7 4QX **CONTACT** 02392 265235

WEBSITE the-chairmakers-arms.co.uk

The owners tell their story best... "Having struggled so many times to find a place where taking your dog is a chore, we structured our business around dog owners. With some 30 indoor tables accepting your dogs, we try to make sure it is as close to eating out properly as possible."

"Our dog, Cocoa, loves it at The Chairmakers. He loves the owners and recognises them straightaway. He's always being filled to the brim with treats from gravy bones to steak. The doggy meals are also his favourite which is a massive plus. We also love the pub just as much as Cocoa." **Gracie Whitehouse**



Compass Inn

ADDRESS Winsor Road, Winsor, Hampshire SO40 2HE **CONTACT** 02380 812237

WEBSITE compassinn.co.uk

Dog friendly pub situated near the New Forest. Your furry friend can dine with you and receive a free doggy dinner (chicken, rice, peas and gravy). Doggy ice cream available to purchase. Monthly dogs walks.

"Fantastic food, friendly service and a very warm welcome for my dog. While we tucked into a fabulous roast dinner, our dog was served his very own chicken, rice and peas dinner. He was very happy and relaxed and we felt very comfortable bringing him in. Some pubs say they are dog friendly but when you enter it doesn't actually feel like that. Not here! Loved it." **Emma White**



The Jam Works

ADDRESS 118-120 Market Street, Droylsden, Manchester, M437AA

CONTACT 01613 701925

WEBSITE facebook.com/thejamworks

A modern bar situated in the centre of Droylsden, Tameside, offering food and drinks including tapas, bar snacks, cocktails and real ales. Dogs are welcome in the main bar area on the ground floor of the venue.

"Great venue for your furbaby while having the best cocktails around by far. Food is gorgeous too. Very clean and the staff are friendly making you and your furbaby welcome. Such a cool place/ decor too. Excellent all round." **Georgina**



The Red Rover

ADDRESS Salisbury Road, West Wellow, Wiltshire SO51 6BW

CONTACT 01794 322266 **WEBSITE** facebook.com/TheRedRoverPub

Last year's winner. Finding a place in the top ten in 2020. Family friendly, dog friendly and set in the New Forest. A great selection of local ales and a wide range of gins to suit all tastes. Dogs are welcome to dine in our restaurant with a selection of beds, blankets, biscuits and bowls available. Dog menus are available to really treat your doggy guests to a family meal out.

"We visited with our Collie, Grace, on our way past for a bite to eat, just passing through the area and so glad we did! Little did we know that Grace would receive 5* treatment! She enjoyed her doggy dinner and definitely gave the whole experience the paw of approval!" **Olivia Baggott**





The Bell Inn

ADDRESS The Bell Inn, Town Hall Place, Bovey Tracey, Devon, TQ13 9AA

CONTACT 01626 833495 **WEBSITE** facebook.com/thebellatbovey
A very dog friendly pub in the centre of Bovey Tracey. Dogs are made very welcome with snacks offered and there is a garden at the back of the pub. Fine ales and delicious food.

“Take a great pub in the heart of Devon, at the gateway to Dartmoor, and give it the added benefit of a landlord and landlady who clearly love their pets and are welcoming of visitors who bring theirs.

“My dad always told me that when trying to find good pubs, good restaurants, etc., go where the locals go. This is where the locals go.”

Mark Thomas, August 2020



Starwing Brewery

ADDRESS Unit 6, Hall Farm, Church Road, Redgrave, Suffolk IP22 1RJ
CONTACT 01379 890586 **WEBSITE** starwingbrewery.com

Star Wing Brewery isn't just a brewery. It is also a bar with great beer, great food and free dog biscuits on the bar. There's also a bakery for cakes and fresh bread, an open air theatre and Canine Dip and Dive on site for doggy swimming. There is lots of open space and long marked country walks. Everything a dog and human could want.

“Star Wing is an awesome place, lots of space outside, lovely walks near by. Staff are really friendly and they serve great beer. Treat your dog to a dog biscuit too. There is also a Canine Dip and Dive Centre on site. What more could you want? You can also meet the local legend Mick the Baker and get some of his delicious cakes too.”

Suzanne Pudney



The Angel of Corbridge

ADDRESS Main Street, Corbridge, Northumberland NE45 5LA
CONTACT 01434 632119

WEBSITE theangelofcorbridge.com

The lounge and Angel's Table area are dog friendly. They even have some pawsome cookies to treat your best friend.

Enjoy a book in the lounge with a nice glass of wine, local ale or one of the many great whiskies or even dine with your dog in the lounge or in Angel's Table lounge after a long walk along the river Tyne or Hadrian's Wall. They also provide towels in case your pooch went for a swim!

“As they had a nice large dog area to sit inside with dog bowls at every table and on request they let me order a side of sausages for the dog.”

Kelly Thirlwall, September 2020



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE DOG FRIENDLY PUB

Maybe you know a super dog friendly pub! The DogFriendly Awards will launch again in July of this year so please do vote for your favourite pub and make sure they are recognised for their efforts.

Visit our website dogfriendly.co.uk/awards to find out more. However, if you can't find the pub you know, please do add to our website by registering as a member and then share the pub with your friends and family to vote.



Kewni Yurt, Woonsmith Farm

Anna Ward Murphy heads to Cornwall with her dog Pepper for a spot of 'wild' camping

You want to stay where? That's a lot of money for a big tent." My 'other half', Steve, was less than enthusiastic when I excitedly showed him the listing for the yurt I had found on Air B&B. After a bit of gentle persuasion, however, I got my own way and we booked four nights at Kewni Yurt at Woonsmith Farm for us and our dog, Pepper. There was no extra charge for Pepper to join us, although dogs do need to keep off the furniture and you need to take your own bits and pieces for them (bed, bowls, etc.).

We wound our way down the narrow Cornish lanes until we found the farm nestling in the countryside village of Nancledra. The setting is rural, and feels much more remote than it is, being only a 15 to 20 minute drive to both Penzance and St Ives.



As we arrived at the farm, we spotted our yurt nestled in its own little garden area, complete with decking, table and chairs and a small barbecue outside. The garden is unsecured and there are cows nearby at times, so dogs need to be kept under control, but they are very welcome. As we opened the solid wooden door to the yurt, Steve's eyes widened as he exclaimed: "Oh, wow! It's great – I feel like a hobbit!"



The farm's private lake

Tried & tested Cornwall

The yurt was stunning. Spacious and beautifully decorated with an artistic, wooden bed (made by one of our hosts, Alan), a wood stove, twinkling lights, a large swivelling cuddle chair and a table – complete with a tasty Cornish cream tea to welcome us after our journey.

There was also a kitchenette and – a real bonus for a comfortable glamping experience – a well-equipped ensuite bathroom. Result! We had everything we needed and were set for a comfortable and relaxing stay. Pepper quickly settled in, and within minutes she had found a little window at perfect dog-eye height to gaze out of.

For our first night in the yurt, the British weather decided to do what it does best and a mild storm blew in. Listening to the wind and watching the rain beat against the ‘skylight’ in the yurt, we felt safe and cosy (once we had managed to successfully light the fire!) Pepper must have felt the same as she didn’t bat an eyelid and slept happily next to the bed.

The next morning dawned, calmer and brighter. We took a morning walk to explore, checking out the farm’s beautiful private lake

and making a mental note to have a swim when the temperature picked up a little. Reluctant to stop exploring the glorious countryside, a 5 minute “pop to see the lake” evolved into an hour long walk around the adjacent Bakers Pit Nature Reserve, where we all enjoyed getting thoroughly lost among the cows and undergrowth. Long trousers and sturdy



Cornish cream tea, anyone?

Beware cows!



boots are a must for the humans here – this is a little slice of Cornish wilderness.

After a tasty brunch cooked on the yurt’s little dresser top hobs, we decided to venture to the nearby town of St Ives. A long walk from the car park took us down hills and along the coast into town. (We parked at the rugby club: £6 for the day.) The town is pretty, quaint and picturesque, although it was extremely busy during our visit and social distancing was made difficult by the sheer number of visitors trying to negotiate the one way walking system that had (sensibly) been put in place. For this reason, our visit was relatively short and sweet, enjoying a Cornish pasty on the sea wall (beware thieving seagulls!) and a little meander down some of the quieter streets. I would love to visit St Ives again at a quieter (or non-Covid) time, to properly explore the narrow, arty streets and beaches – it’s on the list for further investigation.

As we strolled back up the hill to the car, the weather began to turn and the rain and wind descended once again. In a shameful display of disorganisation, we had failed to make any dinner plans for the evening, and thus commenced a little road trip to find ourselves somewhere to eat that would a) have availability and b) allow dogs indoors during these odd pandemic times. As a welcome by-product of our ineptitude, we found ourselves sitting in a car park opposite the famous tidal



Snug as a bug on a rug

The yurt offers everything you could ever need



island of St Michael's Mount, watching the waves crash over the submerged causeway and up the sea walls. As we watched intrepid kite surfers make the most of the fierce weather, we pondered our next move. We did finally manage to find ourselves some hearty food at The White Hart pub in nearby Ludgvan, where dogs are allowed indoors and out.

If we'd thought last night had been stormy, we hadn't seen anything yet. Fortunately we returned to the yurt just in time to snuggle up with Pepper and a game of cards before the heavens opened completely. The memory of listening to the howling wind and pelting rain against canvas, while watching the lightning flash across the skylight is a memory that will stay with me for a long time – a really magical (and very British!) summer experience. Our hosts, Alan and Julie, were even good enough to send a message to check we were okay, obviously fearing for our comfort in the yurt. They needn't have worried – we were all snug and snoring while the storm raged on outside.

Not a trio to be phased by the weather, the next morning we headed out for more exploring, first of all climbing to the top of Cape Cornwall to battle the wind and take in the views over to Sennen Cove and Land's End, with Pepper safely on lead to keep her secure.

As we made our way down, the wind dropped. Our next stop was Botallack on the



Fancy a swim!



wild 'Tin Coast'. Part of the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site, Botallack is owned and maintained by The National Trust. It was a key filming location for BBC's *Poldark* series, and is simply stunning. Engine houses nestle dramatically at the foot of the cliffs and the area is a wonderful spot to explore amazing feats of history and engineering. (The car park is pay and display; free for National Trust members.) After all this exploring, hunger was starting to set in. Thankfully, we had learnt from yesterday's mistakes and booked ourselves a tasty late lunch at The Tinnars Arms. Built

in 1271, this welcoming, friendly pub is the beating heart of the little village of Zennor. Normally extremely dog friendly inside and out, dogs are currently only allowed in the garden area due to reduced capacity inside. This suited us fine. Pepper was able to lie peacefully watching the cheeky sparrows trying to sneak the odd dropped piece of food from nearby tables, as we took in the countryside views. We ordered a burger and a vegetarian chilli which were generous, well presented and very tasty. A short 15-minute drive from the yurt, the pub definitely got a thumbs up from us. There is also a walk over the fields from the yurt to the pub which our hosts recommended – we didn't attempt this





on this occasion but plan to give it a try when we visit again.

Exhausted from the day's exertions, we headed back to the yurt for some well deserved rest and recuperation time. The following day, Pepper was keen for a beach run. We hit the road early to avoid the 10am to 6pm dog ban which is in place on many Cornish beaches, venturing the 35-minute drive to the picturesque Porthcurno beach. Here, we all enjoyed frolicking in the sand at this beautiful bay, backed by impressive granite cliffs.

The morning saw another food fail with a silver lining. We had arisen especially early



to make some tasty breakfasts to take on the road... and promptly left them behind. Oh well! Fortunately, the beach cafe at Porthcurno was on hand to step into the breach and provide us with some tasty snacks instead, including a delicious warm scone and the most enormous baguette I have even seen.

After our playtime and unexpected breakfast, we embarked on another day of adventuring, following the circular 'Cliff Theatre and Cliff Castle' walk, taken from the Ordnance Survey book of walks in Cornwall. This stunning walk takes in Logan Rock, St Levan Church, the impressive Minack Open Air Theatre built into the rocks (book in advance if you want to access the theatre itself), and wonderful views of some stunning little bays including the very inviting looking Porthchapel Beach. After our walk, The Logan Rock Inn provided us with a lovely outdoor lunch (good local fish pie and crab sandwiches!) while Pepper snoozed under the table.

Upon returning to the yurt, we finally plucked up the courage to don our wetsuits (too wimpy to go without!) and take to the water in the private lake at Woonsmith Farm. Our fears of the cold water and wind



A day away from
the beach...



combination had been unfounded – the lake was much more sheltered than we had assumed and we had a lovely swim while Pepper (not a big water fan) watched from the banks. As the lake is deep without any shallow paddling areas, she was safer staying on the edge on this occasion. Lake time was a perfect end to a wonderful stay in Cornwall. A stay full of weather, adventures, explorations and memories for us and, hopefully, Pepper too.

As we packed up our belongings to leave the next morning, I asked Steve what he thought of my 'big tent' idea now. His response? "Brilliant. I'd definitely come back here! What quirky place can we go to next?"

Time for a selfie!



Watch out for them
there rollers!



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TOTAL (ISH) RECALL

Retired police dog handler Steve Hutley shares a few important tips about how to achieve the perfect recall

THE TRAINER

Steve Hutley is a retired police dog handler having served 30 years with Essex Police, 19 years of which he served with the police dog section, before he retired in 2015.

That year, following his retirement from the police, Steve completed a two-year accredited Dog Behaviour

Practitioner Course with the British College of Canine Studies, attaining a Dog Behaviour Practitioner Diploma with Merit, before starting up his behavioural business 'Rehabilitation and Training', taking him all over the country, 'rehabilitating and training' dogs from puppies to rescue dogs with some serious issues.

He has since become an approved instructor with the Dog Training College, as well as becoming one of their licensed instructors for their Canine Body Language Course.

Steve also had the honour of being a guest judge in 2016 for the Channel 5 TV programme, *Britain's Cleverest Dog* with the well-known TV dog trainers Charlotte Wilde and Kamel Fernandez, as well as helping a few well-known celebrities train their dogs.

You can find out more about Steve from his website at stevehutleydogrehab.co.uk



WHAT IS GOOD RECALL?

When out and about with their dog, all everyone wants is to be able to allow their dog to run free off lead. This is why we have dogs, to enjoy the vast open spaces that nature offers us. Unfortunately for some people, this is not possible. This can be due to many factors such as the dog is fearful, and might run off at the first opportunity if it sees another dog or anything else it fears. It may be that your dog has a high prey drive, and any small furry animal he sees, suddenly flicks the 'chase' switch in his brain. Or it may be that your dog is aggressive, and will run over to any other dog he sees to tell them to keep away.

It's impossible to obtain a 100% recall every time. Not all dogs are naturally willing to please, as it goes against their natural instincts of scenting, chasing and exploring. It takes time and patience to teach your dog that it is in their interest to make the right choice of coming back to you.

- So never tell your dog off if he doesn't come back to you when you call him. If he returns half an hour or more later, and you tell him off, he will associate his coming back to you as a 'punishment' and is less likely to come back next time you call him.
- You can either use a word cue to recall your dog such as 'Come' or 'Here', or you can use a whistle. Either way, the idea is to



set the picture in your dog's mind that the word you use or the sound of the whistle means, 'if I come back to mum or dad then I will receive my high value reward'. Whistles are great if you don't have a loud voice, as the higher pitched sound travels a lot further. The downside is that you have to have the whistle in your possession most of the time.



Do not let your dog off lead until you have a solid recall

1 RECALL

● The first thing I always say to clients is, while outside in public, until you have a solid 'recall', do not let your dogs off the lead! To enable them to run around but still have them under control, I would suggest using the biggest extendable leads you can get (an 8 or 10 metre tape version depending on the size of your dog), or a long static line, so that should they decide to run off, you can stop them and reinforce the 'recall' command.

For safety reasons, the retractable lead should only be used in open areas and not in built-up areas.

● Which lead you use is all down to personal preference. Some people like the ease of the retractable lead that allows the dog to run backwards and forwards without the need for reeling their dog in. Others prefer their dog to have a long static line towing behind them so that they can grab hold of it should their dog suddenly take off.



A long, static line will allow your dog to run around, while you stay in control

Not just a treat,
it's your dog's
'kryptonite'

2 USE TREATS

- The trick to a successful recall is to make yourself more rewarding than any of your dog's distractions. So always make sure you have some high value treats (HVTs) on you, (and make sure they know it) or use their favourite toys like a ball or 'ragger' (tug toy) if they are your dogs favourite toy.

- The thing to remember with treat rewards is, the stronger the smell, the higher the reward. I always call it your dog's 'kryptonite', basically anything that gets their focus completely on you and will ignore everything else. This isn't always food, as many dogs will prefer a ball or similar toy above anything else.



3 MOVEMENT

- The most important part of the recall is that every time you recall your dog to you, you move backwards.

- By always moving backwards when you recall your dogs, you are tapping into their natural 'prey drive' instinct of 'chase', where you become the prey and they chase after you for their reward. By moving and keeping yourself 'animated', the dogs will be able to see and hear you. If you remain static and boring, then they won't see you, won't hear you, so won't want to come back to you.

- The training for the recall should, as with all your dogs training, be done both at home and in your garden, before you test them in the real world outside.

- Even at home, if you wish to use a whistle, start the training off by blowing the whistle exactly as you would outside, and reward your dog every couple of seconds of blowing the whistle. Then, when your dog is looking away, blow your whistle again and move backwards. The sound and movement should get your dog to look at you, and most importantly move towards you. So, when he does, reward him. The idea is to associate the sound of the whistle or word used with coming back for a reward. Repeat this many

times using the whistle or the cue 'Come' or 'Here' and reward handsomely for when your dog recalls to you. Once mastered indoors, take the training outside in the garden and once mastered there, you will be three-quarters of the way to a good recall for when you really need it out in the big wide world.

- The more you actively engage with your dog, the more likely they will be to come back to you. It's all part of establishing a strong bond with your dog. Even in your home, with your dog in front of you, move back when you call them to you. The idea is to create the picture in their mind that however close they are to you, they always come to you. If you move towards them as you call them, they will soon get used to this, so will eventually just wait until you get to them: 'Why waste energy if mum is coming to me?'

- If you aren't using a whistle, then make yourself animated, use a high pitched voice or sound to get your dogs attention, and move backwards to instigate their 'chasing' instincts, even if it is for only a couple of steps. You

want to imprint in their mind that the word 'Come' or 'Here' or the sound of a whistle means 'come right back to mum/dad and you will get praise and reward'.

- Many people make the mistake of using the 'Come/Here' command randomly throughout the day for various things, just to get their dog's attention. Remember, whenever you say the word 'Come/Here', move backwards and reward your dog when they come to you. Don't de-value the command by not rewarding your dog for doing what you asked, as they won't do it outside when you really want them to.



When you call your
dog it's important to
take a step back



4 REPETITION

- Eventually when you feel safe enough to let them off the lead outside, make sure they know that you have your HVTs or toys on you.
- When they're away from you and distracted, call their name and move away from them in the opposite direction. Dogs are inquisitive animals and will want to see where you are going, so they will want to come running back to you.
- When they return to you, reward them with loads of praise and HVTs or other reward every time. It is paramount that the dog knows that if they come back to you, they will get their 'kryptonite' 100% of the time, therefore they should always 'recall' to you.
- So never use the 'recall' command for negative associations to your dog, like bath time, grooming, etc., if your dog doesn't see them as a positive thing.



5 BACK ON THE LEAD

- Also it's worth remembering that if you only ever call your dogs back to put them on a lead and take them home, they'll quickly learn that it's in their interest to ignore you.
- Call them back, and give them a treat, and let them go again. Call them back, and put them back on the lead and walk for a short distance before letting them off again.

- Keep repeating this throughout the walk, so when the time comes to put them back on the lead, they will be willing to come back to you, not knowing that it's the end of the walk and you are going to put them back on a lead.
- A reliable recall is built over time and doesn't happen overnight. So be consistent with your training, and remember to reward your dog every time they come back to you!



For more information about Steve's training and rehabilitation methods please visit his website at stevehutleydogrehab.co.uk



I love my dog!

SAYS JOE INGLIS

TV vet **Joe Inglis** talks to us about his love for dogs, his favourite dog friendly holidays and what dogs have meant to him during lockdown

Joe Inglis is a TV vet and entrepreneur in the United Kingdom. He is best known for his appearances on television shows such as *Vets in Practice*, *Blue Peter*, *The One Show* and *This Morning*, and as the founder of the online pet food business tails.com.

WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR DOG?

My dog is called Pip, and she's an 11-month-old cross breed – probably a German shepherd. So, she is a Yorkiepooperd, or maybe a German Yorkiepoo. Her mother was a Yorkiepoo who escaped from her home and spent five days roaming the streets of Bristol before coming back pregnant. So, we're not sure who her father was, but looking at her ears and coat, and the fact she's a lot bigger than her mother, we think that he was.

DID YOU HAVE DOGS AS A CHILD?

No, we were more of a cat family when I was growing up. I always wanted a dog, so almost the first thing I did after graduating from vet school at the age of 24 was to get a dog – a lovely farm collie called Pan.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED YOUR CURRENT DOG? HAS THIS BEEN SINCE SHE WAS A PUPPY?

Yes, she's a classic example of the lockdown pup! We made the decision to look for a new dog in early 2020 as it had been a couple of years since our old dog Jack had died and we felt the time was right to bring a new pup into our lives. It wasn't very easy finding a puppy, though, as everyone seemed to be looking for one, and we specifically wanted a cross breed, as I've always preferred a good old mongrel over having a pure bred dog.



TV vet and entrepreneur
Joe Inglis



IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE DOG – WHO IS THE LEADER OF THE PACK AND WHO IS THE BABY?

We only have the one dog, but we do have three cats as well and it's interesting watching the dynamics between them. We got two kittens at the same time as Pip so they have grown up with her and are generally totally unfazed by her heavy-pawed playing – and the male kitten, Jasper, definitely gives as good as he gets. He loves to lie in wait for

Pip and swipe at her ears with his paw and then run away before Pip can react! Cuddles, our older cat, was much less amused by Pip's arrival and has only just started to tolerate being in the same room as her some ten months on.

WHAT IS YOUR DOG'S FAVOURITE TREAT?

We feed Pip on a totally homemade diet using recipes from my new VetChef platform. So for her, every mealtime is a real treat with lots of fresh meat and veg in her bowl. One of her favourites is beef with bananas, which is a chunky stew with pieces of stewing steak, sweet potato, spinach, and banana.

WHERE DO YOU NORMALLY WALK YOUR DOG EACH DAY?

We count ourselves as really lucky to live in a beautiful spot in the Stroud valley, with loads of footpaths on our doorstep and some amazing, wooded hills to climb through. So, Pip's daily walks tend to be pretty varied. It all depends on how much time we have – and how muddy the various paths are.





IELTS POP

Time out for a cuddle
with his dog Pip



Pip enjoying a day out
paddling in Croatia



WHERE DO YOU WALK YOUR DOG FOR A SPECIAL WALK (I.E. SUNDAY TRIP) – WHEN THERE ARE NO COVID RESTRICTIONS?

In that long distant past with no Covid restrictions, we loved to meet up with dog-owning friends and head off for a long walk in a different part of the Cotswolds. There are so many amazing places to walk within a 20-minute drive of Stroud, from the beautiful Coln Valley around Bibury and Coln St Alwdyns to the woods of Cranham and the open spaces up on Minchinhampton Common.

DOES YOUR DOG GO TO WORK WITH YOU ON OCCASION? HOW DOES THIS WORK?

Back in the days when I was a practising vet, I would often take my dog into work and he would sit in the office and watch the comings and goings in the waiting room with keen interest. Nowadays my work is mainly from home so I get to spend all day with Pip at my feet which is wonderful.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES YOU GET YOUR DOG INVOLVED IN – RUNNING WITH YOUR DOG/DOG AGILITY/DOG SHOWS?

I'm a keen runner, and so I regularly take Pip out with me on runs. She trots along very happily by my side, except when she spots a squirrel or deer in the woods and disappears off in hot pursuit. I think she does at least 50% more miles than I do on every run, chasing off into the undergrowth in vain pursuit.

HAVE YOU TAKEN YOUR DOG ON HOLIDAY WITH YOU?

Last summer, in the period between lockdowns, we headed off on a family road trip down to Croatia, driving over 2000 miles in three weeks. Pip was around 5 months at the time and she

coped remarkably well with hours in the back of the car, nights in hotels and sightseeing. When we finally got to the beaches of Croatia, she took her first dip in the sea (somewhat cautiously at first) and enjoyed a homemade diet including local delicacies such as squid and fresh fish! We stayed in a few hotels and apartments on the way, and had little difficulty in finding dog friendly places – and she didn't disgrace herself too badly in any of them which came as a relief.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ON HOLIDAY WITH YOUR DOG MANY TIMES, WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE?

Back in my 20s when I was working as a large animal vet in North Devon, I used to love walking along the wild coastal paths around Hartland point and the beaches of Westward Ho! There is something so special about being out in such wild environments with a dog at your side, feeling the stormy wind in your face and watching your best friend racing about around you.

HOW DO YOU FEEL HAVING YOUR DOG AROUND YOU HAS HELPED YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THROUGH LOCKDOWN?

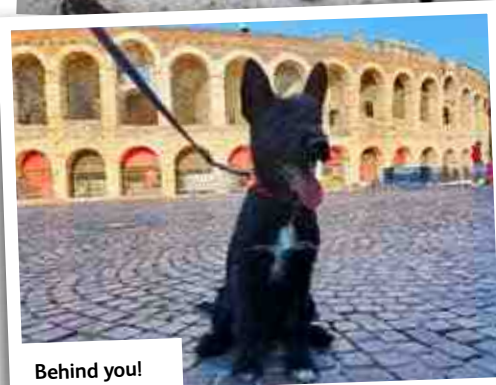
Having Pip during the last year has been a wonderful experience for our whole family, making the trials of lockdown so much more endurable. Having a dog to walk helps break up the monotony of a day sat in front of a screen, and there's just something magically soothing and relaxing about spending time with a dog.

WHAT ARE SOME QUIRKY FUNNY THINGS YOUR DOG DOES THAT MAKE YOU SMILE – OR EVEN MAKE YOU ANGRY?

Pip's main comedy appeal comes from her slightly ridiculous German Shepherd ears which look totally out of proportion to her body.



Classic lockdown pup Pip's father was probably a German Shepherd



Behind you!

When she was younger one was floppy and the other erect which was even more cute, but they have since both become tall and pointy and enable her to hear the faintest sounds of a deer in the woods from hundreds of metres away.

Our old dog Jack did have a more unusual foible though – he was terrified of hiccups. We took him on as an 18-month-old rescue dog so we don't know much about his background. Whenever he heard a hiccup he'd either bolt into the distance if he could, or if he was indoors, retreat to a distant corner and sit, quivering with fear until the noise had finished.

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON AT THE MOMENT?

Ever since I set up the personalised dog food business tails.com back in 2013 I've been thinking about how to improve the way we feed our dogs. The answer finally came to me about a year ago when I was cooking a meal for the family and I realised that home-cooking was the ultimate way to feed a fresh, healthy diet. That has then developed over the last year into a free fresh-feeding platform called VetChef.com when dog owners can get bespoke recipes tailored specifically to their dog's needs and preferences. We're also working on the world's first fresh pet food maker, called Buddy, which will be a bit like a bread machine.

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