

DUNOLLY COTTAGE – ADVICE ABOUT DOGS

Please ensure that your pets are kept off the beds and other furniture. Any dog mess should be bagged and removed from the lawns/outside area and disposed of in the public dog waste bin on Taybridge Drive or in the landfill bin in the cottage grounds, in readiness for the next guests' arrival. There is a dog towel in the Porch. Food and Water bowls will be on the counter in the kitchen. Please wash these before you leave. We would also appreciate it if you would Hoover thoroughly all areas where your pet has been. Please do not bath pets in the shower or bath or use the house towels for them as they will be unusable for future guests. At no time should an animal ever be left unattended in the property, it should be taken out with you at all times. (unless prior arrangement has been made with Anne or Pat). Please keep an eye on them in the outside areas. These are fenced and should safely contain small dogs, but larger dogs may well be able to leap over the low points. We would also respectfully request that you prevent them from digging up the plants or lawns.

There is a small supply of poop bags in the small basket in the porch along with the dog towel, to get you started.

Aberfeldy has many good paths to walk your dog. One of the best (when the River level allows!) is the path accessed via the steps adjacent to the cottage. The Upper and Lower Birks are also good, as is Victoria Park. There are also paths through the Golf Course. We would request that you respect the players and take personal care if choosing this option. As in most parts of the country nowadays there is a legal requirement to pick up after your dog in all public places and, it should be noted, particularly on paths through countryside areas where livestock might get infected. We still have some dedicated, red disposal bins, but local ordinances allow the use of all public PKC (council) litter bins for bagged dog waste.

Aberfeldy has a local pet shop on Dunkeld Street in the town centre should you need any supplies. Details of the local Vet can be found under "VET" and also in the list of emergency numbers.

If you like to be able to exercise your dog off the lead and away from roads, a good option is the path along the north bank of the river Tay, which can be accessed by walking over the Wade Bridge and turning immediately left through the gate.

We know that the Black Watch Public Bar and Habitat Café are dog friendly. We have yet to research other establishments, but you will probably find most are dog friendly.

The following is taken from a source of wider advice on countryside access (www.outdooraccess-scotland.com):

Access rights apply to people walking dogs as long as their dogs are kept under proper control. Your main responsibilities are:

•Farm animals:

- Never let your dog worry or attack farm animals.
- Don't take your dog into fields where there are lambs, calves or other young farm animals.
- If you go into a field of farm animals, keep your dog(s) on a short lead or under close control and keep as far as possible from the animals.

- If cattle react aggressively and move towards you, keep calm, let the dog go and take the shortest, safest route out of the field.

- Crops:

- Don't take your dog into fields of vegetables or fruit unless there is a clear path, such as a core path or right of way, and keep your dog to the path.

- Ground nesting birds:

- During the breeding season (usually April-July) keep your dog on a short lead or close at heel in areas such as moorland, forests, grasslands, loch shores and the sea shore to avoid disturbing birds that nest on or near the ground.

- Recreation areas and public places:

- avoid causing concern to others by keeping your dog close at heel or on a short lead.

- Dog waste:

- Pick up and remove your dog's faeces if it defecates in a public open place.