

Doggie Do's & Don'ts

House Rules for Dogs (and their Human Best Friends)

Clean and well-behaved dog(s) are welcome to join you on your holiday. We are not keen on lots of rules, because we realise that dogs are part of people's families.

However, since Sporting Heights is very much part of our family life, we just ask for your courtesy in looking after the property and also respecting that some guests will be visiting without dogs.

Consequently, we have tried to state our 'House Rules for Dogs' as clearly as possible, so you can decide if Sporting Heights is right for you and your dog(s):

- We suggest that upon arrival please keep your dog on the lead while you familiarise yourselves with the property and the gardens. A maximum of three pets are welcome with prior notification.
- Dogs are not permitted upstairs or on the furniture at any time. Whilst this may seem unfriendly it is in consideration of guests who may not love dogs as much as we do.
- Never leave your dog unsupervised or alone in the property, except in the Dog House. We know from our own experience that a calm dog may be unnerved or upset in a strange house.
- Your dog must be clean before entering the house. If your dog is wet and muddy, please come into the house using the back 'Dog' door and keep the dog in the Boot Room until they are clean and dry. We do not provide any towels/cloths for dogs, so please ensure that you bring the necessary things with you. You must not use our white towels.
- Please clean up after your dog (inside the cottage and around the garden). Please bag and bin all 'doggie mess', as other guests may not be visiting with dogs and often have children. Please ensure that you bring the necessary bags with you. It is the owners responsibility to clean up after the dog - poop and hairs. Please ensure that the

house is clean and free from dog hair before you leave. We regret that we may charge an additional cleaning fee of £150 if the house requires extra cleaning of rugs, carpets or furnishings.

- Please feed dogs only in the Dog House or Boot Room and ensure that any mess is properly cleaned up. These floors can be mopped most easily.
- The garden is enclosed by a fence with gates. However, we cannot guarantee that the garden is 'secure' for your particular dog, so please check the garden before leaving your dog outdoors.
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times as there are hens which range free from time to time, along with livestock, including lambs in the surrounding fields. We are a working farm with livestock and machinery; therefore, for their safety, dogs must not be allowed to roam unsupervised.
- Any damage or stains must be paid for in full.
- You must ensure that your dog is free from parasites/fleas. We ask that you ensure that your dog's flea treatment is up to date before arrival. Long-haired dogs must be groomed rather than moult on our floors!

What we Provide for Your Dog

We have a room designated the Dog House. This is a secure room with a vinyl floor. It has access directly to the garden and there is a tap just outside the door. It is immediately adjacent to the Lounge and the glass allows you to see your dogs in their room. We have provided this room so you can keep your pets near to you whilst knowing they are secure and not causing any problems.