

Scot Mountain Holidays

Highland Wilderness Glamping - Dog Policy



One of the delights of this trip is that it takes place in the UK's largest and most pristine habitat. Home to over 5000 different species of plant, fungi and animal, the area is a refuge to some of our rarest and most spectacular wildlife. From White-tailed and Golden Eagles, Pine Marten, Red Squirrels, Wild Cat, Red and Roe Deer and even Reindeer! Now only numbering a few hundred, the UK's entire population of ground nesting Capercaillie is pretty much confined to Strathspey. This is all within the stunning [Cairngorms National Park](#)

Along with the incredible privilege of being able to show guests our [wonderful area](#) comes a responsibility to help to preserve the wildlife and minimise our impact. This and the safety of our Highland Wilderness Glamping trips very much informs our dog policy.

We are allowing 1 well behaved dog per trip.

Wildlife ...

We would ask dog owners considering bringing their dogs to carefully consider what their dogs reaction might be to the ponies, the scent of deer and other unfamiliar wildlife? Dog attacks on the Reindeer are not an infrequent occurrence.

When in Pack Pony mode ...

Due to the likelihood of coming across other unleashed dogs on the trail we ask, whilst the ponies are carrying bags that your dog is kept on a lead irrespective of how well behaved it is.

At other times, owners should accept that it's the guides/pony handlers have the final decision as to whether the dog should go on the lead.

Dog Poo ...

We are asking dog owners to pick up their dogs poo in line with accepted responsible ownership practise. Starch bags can be provided. When we get to camp there is the opportunity to bury it.

At Camp ...

Our wild camp is incredibly secluded, situated in open native pine woodland within the [Cairngorms Connect](#) area, Britain's largest and most ambitious habitat restoration project.

Under no circumstances should the dog be allowed to interfere with the ponies or coral at camp.

On the hill walk ...

Again, its the guides/pony handlers discretion as to whether your dog is kept on the lead. From the camp all the way to the summit of the highest peak is habitat for ground nesting birds, some of them particularly rare like Capercaillie, Black Grouse and Dotterel.

In the event ...

In the event the dog runs off, dog owners have to accept that the guides/pony handlers first responsibility is to the safety of the ponies and the rest of the group and that includes the dog owner themselves. Dog owners have to accept that the guides/pony handler has the final decision to whether to abandon search for your dog.

At Fraoch Lodge ...

Dog are not allowed in the communal areas of the Lodge. We have an annex where we have guest bedrooms that take dogs.

We look forward to welcoming you to the [Cairngorms National Park](#)