



Dogs Welcome Scheme

Taking dogs away when enjoying a break in the British Isles is an increasing trend. Nearly two million dog owners take their pets away when enjoying a break away from home. In response to customers who do not wish to be parted from their pets during their holiday to the Isle of Man. The scheme gives visitors the confidence that they are welcome to visit your establishment with their Dogs.

The following criteria apply to any business wishing to take part in the Dogs Welcome Scheme:

- Reassuring customers that they are more than welcome to bring their dogs into your designated dog friendly area
 - A water bowl to be provided on request
 - Clear information regarding any restrictions on areas where dogs are/are not welcome – for example in the bar but not the restaurant; outside areas only etc.
 - If using an outside area this should either be secure or suitable facilities for visitors to leash the dog while they enter the premises should be available
 - Consider also providing dog chews and/or treats; and spare dog waste disposal bags
 - Provide local information on popular dog walking spots
 - Map of the local area
 - Information on attractions and details of the local Tourist Information Centre
 - Information on other businesses taking part in the Taste IOM Dogs Welcome Scheme (this information can be acquired from DED)
 - Weather information
 - Up to date information on the website and social media pages about opening hours and last service times
 - Clear information about times/ types of services e.g. breakfast times, lunch times, Sunday carvery
 - Staff training in what to expect when visitors visit premises with their dogs
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