

EXTENDED FAMILY: A GUIDE TO PETS



So you'd like to bring your 'extended family on holidays?

The Margaret River Region is well stocked with pet friendly activities, and as a small bush retreat and farm stay neighbouring 200 acres of state forest, we understand the appeal of bringing your pet on holidays.

A core part of our guest experience, especially for younger families, is engaging with our small herd of animals. We offer daily feeding sessions with our own 'pets', including alpacas, mini Irish Donkeys, cows, sheep and chickens. Over time, we've discovered that bringing 'strange' animals into the herd can be disruptive, both for our animals and yours and in turn be potentially disruptive to the experience for others.

To manage the experience for everyone, we have a set of 'Pet guidelines' which are outlined below. Without wanting to discourage you from staying with us, we do think you should ask yourself whether bringing your pet will help you have the complete experience you're looking for.

- *Pets cannot attend the animal feeding experience or farm paddocks or access the pool/games room.*
- *Pets cannot be left unattended in, or outside, a cottage at any time (ie must be accompanied)*
- *Pets must be on a lead around the cottage gardens, including the firepit and play spaces*
- *A maximum of one small/medium-sized pet per cottage is permitted (unless previously agreed).*
- *Pets must be house trained and are not permitted on beds or sofas.*
- *Guests may be asked to sign a pet policy prior to check in.*
- *There is a cost of \$40 per dog per night which will be applied.*

A couple of general considerations:

- *Younger guests need to be accompanied by an adult/older child when using facilities such as animal feeding, pool etc. meaning one adult could be left pet-sitting while the rest of the family enjoys an experience together.*
- *Margaret River generally has limited pet-friendly dining options in the evening which may also make it difficult for you to go out to dine in the evenings.*

There are some general common sense rules about cleaning up and liabilities, these will be outlined in the policy made available prior to check in.