

Company: Thistle Trekking LTD	Dog Policy	Compiled by: Scarlet Trevett
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Thistle Trekking LTD are very happy for our customers to bring their dogs along on the West Highland Way, The Great Glen Way and the East Highland Way. However the following policy must be read and agreed to by the customer at the time of booking.

- Usually dogs can only accompany their owners if camping, as we struggle to find dog friendly B&B's.
- If you would prefer B&B accommodation we will do our very best to get it for you but be aware it may mean you are away from the rest of the group in the evenings in some of the villages.
- All the camp sites have a very strict dog policy. All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times in the camp site and cleared up after immediately. Failure to follow this can mean being told to leave the camp site by the owner.
- Many of the camp sites are on or near farms, so please do be aware of this and keep your dog under control.
- We do a number of short drives on the trip (as well as a long drive back to the start on your last day), so your dog must be happy in a car/van and not prone to being car sick.
- While travelling in the car/van your dog must be secure in an adequate sized dog cage at all times. This will usually be in the back of the car/van with customers day bags and boots.
- During the walk you must be responsible for your dog and keep it under control. You must also bring a lead with you as some sections are through farms and fields and your dog must be on a lead.
- Your dog is solely your responsibility while on this trip. Therefore, you must be ready to accept that if your dog gets ill or injured it is your responsibility to look after it even if this means missing some of the walk yourself (or even leaving the trip early) You must also be aware that if you do get asked to leave by a camp site that it is your responsibility to find and pay for alternative accommodation.
- If you choose to do this walk during lambing season you must be aware that there are sections that your dog will not be allowed to walk through. During these sections you will need to walk an alternative route as directed by your guide.
- We only accept dogs which are well behaved and not aggressive and you must agree that your dogs' behaviour complies with this. If during the trip we feel that the dogs behaviour is aggressive in any way towards the guide, other clients or other walkers on the route you will be told to leave the trip and a refund will not be offered.
- It is your responsibility to make sure your dog is fit and healthy to undertake the walk.