

## **Dog Owners Code of Conduct**

**As the owner of 3 gorgeous Collies, I understand that a holiday is not the same without having every member of the family along with you, so I am happy to allow well behaved dogs stay with you in The Farmhouse and The Cart Lodge. The Oast House however is kept pet-free. For the benefit of everyone, I ask that you read and abide by this Code of Conduct to ensure a happy stay for all.**

- We ask that your dog(s) be kept on a lead in the yard. You are more than welcome to let them stretch their legs off their lead in safe enclosed areas like the fields. Your dog must not be allowed to wander free without supervision as of course, as a responsible dog owner, you will be fully aware of your responsibilities towards your dog, and other members of the public, and other animals.
- The Farm is surrounded by fields, which at times are grazed by sheep, lambs, donkeys, and even llamas. It is very important that dogs are kept on a lead when walking through the fields when livestock is present.
- Dogs are not allowed on furniture or in bedrooms and on beds. Stair gates can be provided on request to help control where your dog is free to wander in the properties. An extra cleaning fee will be charged where there is evidence of pets being on beds and/or furniture.
- If you are part of a group booking your dog(s) must remain in the cottage they have been booked into. This of course will mean ensuring other cottages in your booking are also pet-friendly.
- Pets must be booked in advance. At the discretion of the Owner or Staff, any dogs arriving not by prior arrangement will need to be accommodated in a local kennel.
- Dogs are not allowed to be left unattended in your property unless you bring your own cage for pets that are unlikely to bark and disturb other guests.
- We regret that “chatty dogs” who bark and are therefore likely to disturb guests in neighbouring properties are not welcome at Darling Buds Farm.
- When returning from adventures with a muddy dog, please use the **outside tap** and pet towels provided to clean off your dog(s) before allowing them back in the cottage. Under no circumstances must white guest towels be used for pets.
- Please pick up pet mess when out with your dog, including in gardens, the yard, and surrounding fields as these are also for the enjoyment of other guests. Outside bins and bags are provided for disposal of bagged pet mess.
- If your dog(s) chews or damages furniture, carpets, bed linen etc and it is not

possible for us to clean or repair them in keeping with our high standards, you will be responsible for the costs incurred in replacing damaged/stained items.

- When walking with your dog you must obey the Countryside Code and keep your dog(s) under close control at all times for their own safety as well as the comfort of others.
- On your departure, please leave the cottage as you would wish to find it. Excessive cleaning will incur an additional £50 fee.

**Regrettably, if we find there to be repeated breaches of this Code of Conduct, we will reserve the right to require you to accommodate your dog in a local kennel at your own cost, or as a last resort at the Owner's discretion, to terminate your booking without any refund.**