

Risk Assessment – Allowing Well Behaved Dogs At Warren Oak



Workplace Location: Warren Oak Campsite, Hollow Ln, Ledbury HR8 1NQ		
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Task Description: Scout groups may bring well-behaved dogs onto the campsite, provided they adhere to safety guidelines and respect other campers.		

Number	Hazard Identification	Who May be Harmed	Control Measures	Risk Rating
1	Dog behaviour & lack of supervision: Even well-behaved dogs may react unpredictably in a new environment, potentially displaying fear, territorial behaviours, or defensive aggression.	All	Dogs must be under control at all times, either on a lead or within designated areas. Owners must ensure their dogs are socialised and non-aggressive. If a dog exhibits signs of stress or aggression, owners should remove them from the situation immediately.	Low
2	Hygiene & Waste Disposal: Improper disposal of dog waste can lead to contamination, unpleasant odours, and health hazards such as bacteria or parasites.	All	Owners must clean up after their dogs and take waste away. Signs and campsite policies should reinforce the responsibility of waste disposal. Regular patrols by campsite staff or leaders can help identify non-compliance and maintain cleanliness.	Low
3	Interaction with Children & Other Campers: While many campers may be comfortable around dogs, some may feel fearful or anxious , while others may attempt to interact with dogs in an unsafe manner.	All	Clear guidance should be given to all campers on appropriate interactions with dogs (e.g., not disturbing them when eating or sleeping). Dogs must not be left unsupervised around young children or large groups. Any camper with a known allergy or phobia should notify campsite leaders so precautions can be taken.	Low

4	Wildlife & Environmental Impact: Dogs could disturb local wildlife by chasing birds, deer, or smaller animals, potentially causing disruptions to ecosystems and nesting areas.	All	Dogs should be kept away from protected areas where wildlife may be nesting or breeding. Owners must ensure dogs remain on designated paths and do not wander into forested or sensitive areas. If a dog has a strong prey drive, owners should take extra precautions to prevent uncontrolled chasing.	Low
5	Stray or unidentified dogs: The presence of unidentified or stray dogs can pose various risks, including potential aggression, the spread of diseases, and the disruption of scheduled activities. These dogs may not have up-to-date vaccinations or identification, making it difficult to manage their behaviour and health status.	All	All dogs must be registered and identified at the time of booking. The terms of the risk assessment will be agreed upon and adhered to through the booking form. Any unidentified/stray dogs must be reported. You can report stray dogs to Herefordshire Council by calling 01432 261761. This number is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm. If you find a stray dog outside of these hours, you can contact the kennel staff directly at 0775 154 9770 to arrange for the dog to be taken to the holding kennels.	Low

Emergency Procedures	Monitoring and Review
- First Aid kits should include supplies for treating minor bites or allergic reactions. - Any bite incident must be reported immediately, with proper documentation and assessment. - If a dog poses a significant safety risk, owners may be asked to remove them from the site.	The risk assessment should be reviewed annually or adjusted following any reported incidents to improve campsite safety and compliance.

Notice: Risk assessments are to be used in conjunction with your own risk assessments to enjoy a safe stay at Warren Oak Campsite.

Let's keep our campsite safe for everyone! If you have questions or need assistance, please contact campsite volunteer site team.