

DOG POLICY AT HISTORIC SCOTLAND PROPERTIES

1. Visitors' dogs are permitted at all properties except those specified in the list below. They must, however, be kept on a lead at all times and should not be left unattended.
2. A no fouling rule applies at all properties. Poop scoops are provided at all properties where dogs are allowed and are available from the site steward. Owners are asked to be sensitive to the effect of their dogs on others, especially children.
3. Dogs are not permitted in roofed buildings (including visitor centres).
4. The only exception to rule 3 is at Dirleton Castle where access to the site is through the shop. Dogs will be allowed to pass through but not remain in the shop.
5. Under the Food Safety Act 1990, dogs are not permitted within premises where food is prepared.
6. Guide dogs are permitted at all sites and within roofed areas.

DOGS AND OUR PARK AREAS

Linlithgow Peel

Dogs off the lead are permitted on Linlithgow Peel. Areas at the three entrances to the Peel have been set aside as "Dog Fouling Areas" and are fenced off. Instructions have been posted beneath park regulation signs and owners are requested to clean up after their dog. Poop scoops are available from the Palace staff.

Holyrood Park

Dogs off the lead are permitted throughout the Park. Fouling is not permitted and Council Environment Wardens operate in the Park. There are signs requesting owners to clean up after their dog at most entrances but poop scoops are not provided.

SITES WHERE DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED

	Reason for refusal
All Regions	Roofed buildings
North Area	
Urquhart Castle	Volume of visitors
Skara Brae	Volume of visitors and livestock at certain times of the year
Central Area	
Dunkeld Cathedral	Immediately beside a roofed place of worship; problems experienced with fouling
Elcho Castle	Within a working farm area, but dogs permitted in the grounds on a leash
St Andrews Castle	Volume of visitors
Stirling Castle	Volume of visitors

South Area

Dumbarton Castle	Access difficulties – dogs would have to go through the shop and the museum
Edinburgh Castle	Volume of visitors
Jedburgh Abbey	Access through visitor centre
New Abbey Corn Mill	Health & Safety reasons; machinery working in a confined space with barriers which dogs could get through
Smailholm Tower (internal only)	Dogs (with the exception of guide dogs) are not permitted within this property but are allowed on the grounds if on a leash
Threave Castle	Health & Safety reasons; dogs are not allowed to travel on the boat (which is smaller than the other ones on the estate & therefore considered less stable)
Whithorn Priory	Roofed building (dogs are allowed in the grounds)