

Dogs are very welcome on all Arran's beaches, forest, glen and mountain walks. We only ask that you keep to the country code to ensure Arran keeps its reputation as the doggy island! The code reminds us all to use our right to roam responsibly...

\* TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR DOGS ACTIONS

RESPECT THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS

\* TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

#### TICK WARNING ...

Ticks are parasites that dwell in wooded and dense vegetative areas. They bury their heads into a dog's skin and can transmit dangerous diseases If you find a tick on your dog, remove it right away. Use tweezers or a tick scoop, and be gentle. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible by gripping its head and teadily pull upward until the tick releases his grip. Do not take hold of the body of the tick or squeeze the body, as this can kill the tick, leaving the front part of he head embedded under the skin releasing toxins.

#### F IN DOUBT, PLEASE SEEK VETERINARY ADVICE



If you have any queries please contact us at: VisitArran, Brodick Pier, Isle of Arran KA27 8AU Email: info@visitarran.com T: 01770 302043 W: www.visitarran.com Arran welcomes responsible pet owners and we hope that our leaflet will make your holiday even more enjoyable.



Arran is a wonderful place to bring your dog. You will find that many hotels, restaurants and bars love to have a visit from furry friends.

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## DOGS AND OTHER WILDLIFF

Dogs can worry animals such as sheep or cows and they can have a negative effect on the health of other animals in the countryside, especially farm livestock.

It is vital that, as dog owners, we keep our dogs on a short leads (less than 2metres) or under close control on land containing animals and nesting birds. If there is no other alternative route just try to keep as far away from the animals as possible and prevent the dog from barking.

## DEER, COWS AND HORSES

A boisterous dog (or even a quiet one) can cause cows and horses to take fright, which may make them aggressive towards you or your dog.

#### SHEEP



Sheep are often kept under control by a sheepdog - and the appearance of another dog may cause total confusion or panic. Dogs can cause lambs to be separated from their mothers, and can also cause pregnant animals (such as ewes) to miscarry.



#### BIRDS

Keep your dog under close control when you are in areas where ground-nesting birds are breeding or rearing their young. This is really important between the months of April and July (breeding season), and includes



areas such as moorland, grassland, forests and the seashore. Many people on Arran keep chickens and they can be severely shocked by dogs chasing them which can lead to death or non laying.

## ADDERS



Unfortunately dogs are the animals most likely to be bitten due to their natural curiosity! But adder bites are rare and generally not fatal. Keep to the paths - snakes generally only bite in selfdefence, so normally bites

occur when a snake is stepped on or disturbed by your dog.



### **CROP FIELDS**

## **RECREATIONAL, PUBLIC AREAS AND FOOTPATHS**



## POOP

Please ensure that any poops are always picked up and disposed of properly. The toxocara parasite lies on the ground waiting for a home to infest long after the waste has disappeared. There is no excuse, poop bags are available free throughout the island for free. Any waste bin will do if a specific dog waste bin isn't close by.





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Please clean up

after your dog

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