

The Arkaroola Policy regarding visiting the Sanctuary with a Dog:

We won't turn visitors with dogs away.

However, there are a couple of things that you need to know in order to make an informed decision about visiting with your dog.

Arkaroola is heavily baited with 1080 poison fox baits to assist with our ongoing conservation program to ensure the survival of the Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby.

No baits are placed within 1 km of the camp ground or the Village but, it is possible for birds of prey to collect baits and drop them elsewhere. Native birds are not affected by the poison but it is very different thing for dogs. One of our staff lost her friend *Daisy* this way. It is a horrible way to suffer, and unfortunately there is no antidote.

If you bring your dog it must be kept under strict control and keep an eye on it **AT ALL TIMES** - to ensure it does not pick up a bait. Please be particularly vigilant around waterholes, as this is where the wallabies are concentrated and so too is the baiting.

Obviously, we prefer that people don't bring dogs; not only for the animal's safety but as timid wildlife can be easily scared by unfamiliar animals. However, we realise many people have very well behaved and well-controlled dogs – so it is a difficult situation. Therefore it is up to you.

However, if there should be complaints from other visitors about dogs barking or being a nuisance we obviously would have a problem and would need to deal with that in order to keep the peace for other visitors.

We realise that it is difficult to leave your best friend behind, so understand you wanting to bring him or her. We hope that this will help you with your decision,

All the best,

Marg Sprigg
Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary