

Assistance Dog Declaration form



We welcome working assistance dogs to our site that are under the control of their accompanying owner at all times. This declaration allows us to maintain the health and welfare of our animals as well as those of the visiting assistance dog. Maintaining high standards of biosecurity is an essential part of our Zoo Licensing requirements and we reserve the right to refuse entry to the zoo if this declaration is not signed. We further reserve the right to politely ask you to move away from areas in the zoo if we feel a welfare issue is being created for our animals or your dog.

Visitor name:

Address:

Postcode: **Telephone number:**

Mobile number: **Email address:**

Type and name of Assistance dog:

Does the dog receive a raw food diet? YES/NO (studies suggest that dogs fed a raw food diet have a higher likelihood of carrying some harmful bacteria. This does not affect your visit but it does provide us with useful information in the event of potential future health issues with our animals).

As owner of the above named assistance dog, I confirm that they...

- **Are up to date with all inoculations for standard canine diseases (including canine distemper and parvovirus) and that they have not received an inoculation in the 2 weeks prior to this visit.**
- **Have received anthelmintic (worming) treatment in the last 6 months.**
- **Have shown no signs of disease, including vomiting or diarrhoea in the last 24 hours.**
- **Have been resident in the UK for more than 6 months or have received an annual vaccination against rabies.**

I also confirm that whilst visiting Paignton Zoo I will, as owner of the assistance dog...

- **Keep my dog on a short lead at all times. If my dog starts growling/barking or causing distress to any zoo animals, I will remove them from the area immediately and wait in an area without animals until the dog stops barking/growling.**
- **Ensure that they do not approach enclosure fences or barriers.**
- **Ensure that faeces are cleared up if my dog toilets anywhere in the zoo grounds. These faeces will be disposed of outside the zoo.**
- **Adhere to the access restrictions highlighted on the Assistance Dog Route Map. I understand that dogs are not permitted in enclosed areas, walkthrough exhibits where animals roam free or locations where the animals dislike the presence of dogs as this will threaten the welfare of our animals, as well as that of my dog.**
- **Understand that I must not feed my dog whilst on zoo grounds.**
- **Understand that as well as captive exotic animals, Paignton Zoo is also home to native wildlife that is not enclosed, for example seabirds, waterfowl, and squirrels. I therefore understand that my dog must be under close control at all times, even if not near an animal enclosure.**

I agree to adhere to the Assistance Dogs Policy for Paignton Zoo

Visitor's signature:

Visitor's printed name:

Date of visit:

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