

Dog Policy

Worcester Cathedral is Dog Friendly

Worcester Cathedral loves animals, our annual pet blessing service has now featured on TV twice and our annual crib service featuring live animals attracts thousands each year.

Therefore, we are currently welcoming dogs into our friendly Cathedral. Help us consider whether this becomes permanent by following these simple guidelines.

Doggy friendly areas

Dogs are welcome in our Cathedral and its grounds. Other than assistance dogs it is not possible to take dogs on tours, inside the shop or inside the Cloister Café (however they are welcome at café tables in the Cloister or Chapter House*). Assistance dogs are not able to go up the tower or into other upper reaches areas due to difficulty with access.

Respect other visitors and staff

Not everyone is comfortable with dogs and some people are allergic. Please ensure your dog doesn't go up to other visitors, particularly children.

Keep your pet on a short lead

To help us look after the building and the grounds, and ensure all feel safe and welcome, please keep your dog by your side on a short lead. The Cathedral is hundreds of years old with many valuable and irreplaceable features, so please ensure your dog doesn't chew, scratch or damage any as you go round.

Poop

Ok, sometimes it happens, even the best trained dogs don't always go when we want them to, or not want them too. If your dog does have an accident, we ask you take responsibility to clear it up and let a member of staff know immediately. Our floors and stone walls are particularly susceptible to damage and could be ruined if not cleaned quickly. Please do not put any bags into the Cathedral bins but remove it from the Cathedral. There is a bin directly opposite the North Door entrance.

Peace

Our Cathedral is a place of peace and calmness. Many people come to the Cathedral to worship and to pray, be still, to reflect. Please respect others' rights to quiet. If your dog starts to bark, we ask that you quiet them or take them outside.

Services & Events

Dogs will not be able to attend services, concerts, or major events, including our crib service (due to numbers and other animals). If dogs are permitted at an event, then this will be stated on the event information on our What's On page.

Our Staff

Cathedral staff reserve the right to refuse entry for a pet, or ask the owner to take their pet outside, if this guidance isn't being followed.

Refreshment

Doggy refreshments can be found at The Cloister Café. Doggy treats and other dog (and cat) goodies are available for sale in the Cathedral Shop.

* If you're not familiar with our café setup, if your question is, 'can our dog join us for a coffee or lunch?', the short answer is yes. Our café has "internal seating" where the service counter is located, and "external" seating, which is located in the Cloister (still inside), or the Chapter house in the winter.