

Pet sitters & kennels

Some pet owners may wish to attend activities where pets are not permitted like hiking in National parks, going for a long bike ride or attending the dinner at the National Gathering. Dogs particularly cannot be left unattended in the van for the period of time associated with these activities (park rules usually state this).

Some owners may find pet boarding establishments in the area useful but there cannot be any guarantees about local boarding establishments or costs. Owners will have to review and book appropriately.

Sitters might also be available but again these should be personally sourced. Probably the park office is a good place to start.



Safety note

Before you travel, consider getting a harness for your furry friends. Even a minor bingle or sudden stop can see them taking off at the first opportunity.

ANY QUERIES

Check out the A'van Club of Australia website:
www.avanclubaust.org.au



A'vanning with Pets

A guide to A'vanning gatherings and the pet policy

Travelling with pets is becoming easier and more are doing it. A'vanners are no exception. Most popular are of course dogs but cats and birds happily accompany their human companions on holiday. However pet owners do need to be aware of some restrictions.

National Parks do not allow pets. Not even in car parks.

State legislation may restrict pet entry to some parks and conservations lands.

Caravan Parks have conditions and sometimes require deposits to bring in pets.

The Club's policy is overleaf.



Pet Policy

“The policy of the A’van Club of Australia Inc. is that pets of any kind should not be present at activities where food is available. This includes, but is not limited to, morning teas, happy hours and shared meals.”

This policy is intended to keep the happy hours and communal cooking time free of animals begging or fighting when food is about.

The policy has been developed and endorsed in accordance with the Club’s constitution.

Park requirements

A’vanners must support the park owner’s rules and the following is a list of general requirements (parks may well have additional and specific requirements):

- Pets must be restrained when outside vans or cars in the park, ie dogs and cats on leads not longer than two metres and birds in cages.
- All poo is to be collected in bio-degradeable bags and binned.
- Dogs must not be left in vans to bark or disturb the enjoyment of neighbours.
- If an off leash area is provided for dogs, pets must still be in sight and under effective control, ie dog recalls on command.
- Vaccination and registration papers available as required.
- No pets permitted in kitchens, recreation rooms, shower and toilet blocks or laundries.

About vaccination

This depends on the pet and you should always consult your vet before travelling, particularly interstate.

Be aware of ticks, fleas and worms and before travelling seek specific vet advice especially when going from temperate to tropical states or along the East coast.

Dog vaccines come in three levels: core (C3) against parvovirus, distemper and hepatitis; C4 adds protection against parainfluenza; and the C5 adds protection for bordetella bronchiseptica (infectious bronchitis in dogs). C5 is usually a boarding kennel minimum requirement.

You will need to have all your pet’s documentation up-to-date and with you to produce if required.