

## Sea Zen Welcomes Your Dog

As dog owners who like to treat their dog as part of the family, we want our guests to have the same experience at Sea Zen.

We welcome well behaved dogs. We do some things to enhance your dog's experience, we ask a few things in return to keep Sea Zen beautiful.



### Couch Covers

If you like to have your dog with you on the couch, they are welcome. Please use the couch covers we provide to protect the furniture if your dog snuggles up with you. Just not on the bed thanks!

### Dog Bowls

We provide some dog bowls if you don't bring your own.

### Pick-Up Bags

We have spare pick-up bags if you run short. Please ensure Sea Zen is pristine after your visit so other guests are not impacted. Please clean up any accidents.

### Enclosed Decks

Our main deck with a view to the beach is enclosed. The deck from the Ensuite is also enclosed enough to keep (non-jumping) dogs in.

### Sandy Feet

If your dog has been to the beach, please wash off sand outside. There is a hose beside the carport and we usually provide a towel.

### Beach Walks With Your Dog

We are a minute from the sand at Separation Creek beach and most of the year your dog can run free on the beach. There are some time exclusions in summer, but they are treated with common sense by the locals.

Dogs love the walk to Wye River exploring the sand, the water, the rocks, the pools, the seaweed and the smells.

At the Wye River end in summer you will have to go through a busy caravan park, which needs some tact. We go early in the morning when there are few folks about.



Wye River beach has some limitations for dogs over summer, please check the signs. Again common sense applies. Keep away if there are lots of people, but it is often deserted!

### The Long Dog Beach

It is not well known that there is a long empty beach, half way between Wye River and Kennett River, where dogs are permitted all year round. It is often deserted. Our dog loves it!

### **Paddy's Path**

There is a pretty walk between Separation Creek and Wye River on the high side of the road with some interesting views.

It starts on the Wye side of the Separation Creek bridge. Go right, then up a track near a Cypress tree. The path emerges near the CFA fire station at Wye River.



### **Separation Creek Walks**

There are a few loops around Olive St, and the end of Sarsfield Street. There is a longer walk up Dollar Track that comes out on the Great Ocean Road.

### **Wye General Café**

The General encourages well behaved dogs outside, with water bowls. Life is good having brunch at The General, with your dog beside you.

### **The Pub**

The pub excludes dogs, following some incidents in the past with badly behaved dogs. We leave our dog in the car in the car park if we visit the pub and the weather is cool.

### **The Koala Rule**

We are blessed with Koalas around Separation Creek and Wye River. Some have been badly mauled by 'nice' dogs who got carried away. Please keep your dog on a leash on walks.

### **Rainforest Walks**

There are many kilometres of bush tracks around Wye River and Separation Creek. Dogs love to walk and walk....

### **Wilderness and Snakes**

We live in a wilderness. A paradise of Koalas and birds. Like most parts of Victoria, we share the wilderness with snakes. Good supervision will prevent tragedy from snakebite. Letting your dog roam free is very unwise.

### **Vets**

The nearest permanently staffed vets are at Torquay (50 mins away) and Colac (1 hr away).

Torquay - 5261 6486 – Animal House Vet Clinic (After hrs 0418 507 930. They usually stock a snakebite anti-venine for tiger/brown. No need to bring the snake!)

Torquay - 5261 4137 – Torquay Vet hospital

Colac - 5231 3375 - Murray St Vet Clinic (Vet on call 24 hrs).

Colac - 5232 1792 – Colac Vet Clinic

# Dog FAQs

**Q Can we bring 2 dogs?**

A Two small well-behaved dogs are OK. Large dogs are not really appropriate for Sea Zen.

**Q Is there a fenced area for dogs?**

A There is a side balcony 1m high that keeps non-jumping dogs in, also a sealed front balcony.

**Q Are dogs allowed on the beach?**

A Dogs are allowed on Separation Creek/ Wye River beaches most of the year. In summer (Dec 24 – Apr 30) the beaches are closed to dogs 9am – 7pm, but this is not enforced and many people take their dogs responsibly during these hours. See the notes above for beaches which open all year round.

**Q Can we take our dog to local National Parks?**

A Dogs are not allowed in National Parks, but some people take their dog and leave it in the car in the shade in cool days if they are going for a walk. Parks authorities are concerned to protect wildlife.