YHA Welcomes Dogs to Camping and Cabins Accommodation

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In an exciting move by YHA (England and Wales), dogs are now welcome to stay with their owners at Youth Hostels that offer camping and cabins accommodation.

The move will not only enable YHA to reach new customers but also enable dog owners to take advantage of nearly 60 YHA sites that offer camping pods, cabins, tipis, bell tents and pitch up facilities in their grounds.

Dogs will be charged £5 a night, however there will be no additional charge for dogs where owners choose to bring their own tents and use the pitch up facilities available at 31 Youth Hostels throughout England and Wales.

To ensure that all guests have the best experience when staying at dog-friendly sites, YHA has developed a doggy code of conduct which requires dogs to be micro chipped and fully vaccinated to ensure the safety and wellbeing of other animals and guests. Additionally, owners must keep their pets on a lead at all times, including external areas.

To make the most of the fabulous locations that many rural Youth Hostels boast, YHA has invested £1 million in camping, glamping and cabin facilities at 63 of its Youth Hostels since 2015. The decision to allow dogs to stay in the network, coupled with the investment in camping and cabin facilities, is making YHA more accessible to even more people and will enable the youth hostelling charity to capitalise further on the increase in staycations in the UK.

Explaining the decision to allow dogs to stay in the YHA network, Caroline White, Chief Executive of YHA (England and Wales) said: “We identified that a barrier to many people staying with us is the fact they can't also bring their pooches. We have invested heavily in our camping and cabins accommodation provision within the network over the last 12 months so this has enabled YHA to relax its policy on dogs. It's a move that I know will be welcomed by many people who want to stay with YHA. Now the whole family can enjoy a stay with us.”

For further details of all Youth Hostels in England and Wales, or to make a booking, visit www.yha.org.uk .

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