



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **JIMMYS BEACH CELEBRATES ALMOST 1000 PET GUESTS IN THE PAST YEAR**

**Dog lovers looking for convenient holiday options will be pleased to see North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP) Jimmys Beach is celebrating another year being pet-friendly, with almost one thousand 'pet guests' having stayed at the park in the past year.**

NCHP Jimmys Beach has hosted almost one thousand families and their pets in the last year, increasing in hundreds from the previous year. The park is part of the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT) group which has 24 of its 36 parks and boutique accommodation now providing pet-friendly accommodation or camping sites.

NCHP Jimmys Beach Managers Michael and Susan Boden are avid animal lovers, and enjoy welcoming owners and their pets to the park.

"We have seen a rise in 'pet guests', increasing in hundreds from the previous year," Michael said. "Our guests love that they can now bring the pets camping or caravanning in a welcoming environment.

"The dog owners especially love our convenient, warm-water hydro bath, waiting poles and a special treat for pets upon arrival – it makes for a unique experience."

Park guests and dog-owner, Bruce Mackay and his wife Cheryl, said it was the perfect holiday spot for them and their working dog, Elli.

"This is our first time at the park, but we've just done a road trip of a few North Coast Holiday Parks because they are dog-friendly," they said.

"Elli is a working dog with us on our farm in Yass, so instead of chasing sheep she's having a holiday too and chasing balls. The beaches being walking distance from the park make a big difference. It's probably one of the prettiest beaches and parks we've been to."

To ensure safe and fun travels with your pet Michael and Susan suggested:

- Always using a pet-friendly seatbelt or harness when traveling in the car.
- Keeping your pets calm in the car with food, water, pet treats and a favourite toy.
- Taking regular breaks on your car journey as dogs need toilet breaks and a chance to stretch their legs, just like us.
- Never leaving your pet alone in a hot car even if the windows are down.
- Keeping pets on a leash while in the park and ensuring mess is disposed of correctly.
- Ensuring your pet has a collar and tag and that your microchipping and contact details are up to date as pets can easily escape and go missing in a strange environment.

"Spring is just around the corner which is a perfect time to get out and about," they said.

Pet-friendly parks in the NSWCHPT group include:

- **North Coast Holiday Parks:** Boambee Creek Reserve, Bonny Hills, Coffs Harbour, Corindi Beach, Evans Head, Ferry Reserve, Jimmys Beach, Moonee Beach, Nambucca Headland, North Beach, North Haven, Scotts Head, Shaws Bay and Tuncurry Beach.
- **South Coast Holiday Parks:** Bermagui and Eden.
- **Inland Waters Holiday Parks:** Copeton Waters, Cudgegong River, Grabine Lakeside, Lake Burrendong, Lake Glenbawn, Lake Keepit, Mookerawa Waters and Wyangala Waters.

To allow for Jimmys Beach to accommodate in the best way possible for our four-legged friends, pets are allowed almost all year round, with the exception of six weeks from 19 December until the end of January and the Easter and October long weekends. Please call the park to confirm if your pet is allowed to stay at the park in advance of your next visit. To book a pet-friendly holiday, visit [www.northcoastholidayparks.com.au](http://www.northcoastholidayparks.com.au), [www.southcoastparks.com.au](http://www.southcoastparks.com.au) or [www.inlandwaters.com.au](http://www.inlandwaters.com.au). Follow NCHP Jimmys Beach on Facebook for the latest park updates.

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