



West Linton Golf Club

Dog Policy

Introduction

West Linton Golf Club has always had an unwritten rule that dogs are not allowed to accompany players on the Golf Course or be allowed in the Lounges of the Clubhouse. However, with the ever-increasing numbers of families who have pet dogs and complaints being received from Members using the Club facilities about dogs, Council felt it was required to introduce such a Policy to outline what is permitted with regards Members and their dogs.

This Policy has been drafted as a direct result of the answers Members provided to a simple three question survey. The questions being:

- i. Should dogs be allowed to accompany players onto the Golf Course - 66% against.
- ii. Should dogs be allowed on the Patio area of the Clubhouse - 73% in favour.
- iii. Should dogs be allowed in a dedicated Lounge within the Clubhouse - 65% against.

The Policy

- i. Dogs are not allowed to accompany players on the Course
- ii. Dogs are not permitted in the Clubhouse Lounges
- iii. Dogs are allowed on the Patio Area of the Clubhouse, provided they are on a leash and under control.

Notification and Breaches of Policy

Should Members not adhere to the Policy then a report shall be made to the Complaints Committee and disciplinary action may be taken.

Dog Walkers

This Policy does not apply to non-golfers who walk their dogs through or across the Golf Course. Council will be purchasing and erecting more signage, to remind walkers of the potential danger of stray golf balls and their duty to pick up any mess created by their dogs.

Assistance Dogs

The West Linton Dog Policy does not apply to Assistance Dogs (i.e., dogs which have been professionally trained to aid people with a disability or those with certain medical conditions such as epilepsy).

This Policy will be introduced with immediate effect.

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