# Dog Ownership

Year-round or full-time ski season residents may apply for a Permit to bring and keep their dog in the Mt Buller Resort.

Permit Exemptions: Guide dogs and SkiPatrol/ Police Rescue dogs in active service only.

NO DOGS are allowed within the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort under any circumstance and CATS ARE NOT PERMITTED in either Resort.

# Warning

Predator control within the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resort includes the year-round use of Foxoff 1080 baits. These baits are lethal to all dogs, with no known antidote. Wild Dogs exist within the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resorts, and carry the Hydatid disease that could harm your dog.

To avoid any risk to your dog, please ensure that you strictly adhere to dog permit conditions, by keeping your dog on a lead at all times and walking your dog in the designated areas only. The use of extendable leads is not recommended.

Failure to adhere to permit conditions may endanger your dog, and lead to the cancellation of your permit.

## How Do I Apply For/Renew My Permit?

You can request an Application Form from Resort Management by phoning 03 5777 6077 or emailing dogs@mtbuller.com.au.

Renewals are mailed out annually. Evidence of meeting permit criteria must be supplied each year to verify individual circumstances. Renewal will only be issued where no previous breaches of permit conditions have been recorded.

# What Are The Conditions of a Permit?

- When outdoors the dog must be kept on a leash;
- The registration tag must be worn at all times;
- A Pooch Pouch or other waste removal device must be attached to the dog lead;
- Dogs must not be taken on any public transport;
- The dog owner must clean up and properly dispose of all excrement;
- The dog must be under effective control at all times and restrained from causing the following:
  - Danger or unreasonable disturbance to other persons;
  - Damage or interference to property; and
  - Disturbance or injury to wildlife;
- Dogs may only be walked on a leash, in village streets (see map on this page). Dogs are not permitted in the Village Centre (Lower Athlete's Walk, Clocktower, Cow Camp, Kooroora Hotel, Wok Worx) at any time.

#### Why is a Permit Required?

- Alpine Resort (Management) Regulations 2009.
- Management of risks to the public, hygiene, and threats to native wildlife.
- Our commitment to the Resort Environmental Management Plan, and Recovery Plan for the critically endangered Mountain Pygmy-possum.
- To support the year-round predator monitoring and control program across the Resorts.

# **Penalties for Breach of Permit**

If a dog owner is found in breach of the Dog Permit regulations, a written warning and/or on the spot fine may be issued.

On the spot fines include:

- Bringing a dog into an Alpine Resort without a valid permit (2 penalty units)
- Failing to have the dog under immediate control—on a lead (2 penalty units)
- Failing to carry a waste removal device and/or remove any or all of the dog's excrement (1 or more penalty units)
- Maximum penalty (20 units)

A permit can be revoked if in the opinion of Resort Management, the permit holder breaches the conditions of the permit.

Please note that provision of the required documentation and payment of the application and administration fee does not guarantee a permit being granted.

To protect the alpine environment and ensure the safety of your dog, please ensure all permit conditions are adhered to.

# **Designated Dog Walking Areas**

Dogs may be walked or carried on the trails shown below.

For further information regarding dog exercise areas please contact the ARMB on 03 5777 6077

Path indicates sealed roads and walking tracks on which dogs may be walked or carried.



Village Exclusion Zone (Lower Athlete's Walk, Clocktower, Cow Camp, Kooroora Hotel, Wok Worx)



## Why Do I Need A Permit?

State Law precludes people from bringing a dog into an Alpine Resort unless a Permit has been issued by Resort Management.

Dog permits assist owners and Resort Management to:

- 1. Protect the village amenity;
- 2. Maintain good relationships with other residents and visitors to Mt Buller;
- 3. Protect the alpine environment, in particular the endangered Mountain Pygmy-possum; and
- 4. Uphold our corporate and strategic environmental commitments.





## **Contact Information**

Mt Buller Mt Stirling Resort Management Alpine Central Summit Road Mt Buller VIC 3723

Telephone: 03 5777 6077 Facsimile: 03 5777 6219 Email: dogs@mtbuller.com.au



# **Criteria for Applications / Renewals**

- 1. \$120.00 Annual fee.
- 2. Two documents supporting your residency from the following list:
- Rental contract for a minimum of 13 consecutive weeks;
- Employment contract stating full-time employment for a term not less than 13 weeks consecutively inclusive of 'on-mountain' accommodation.
- Enrolment confirmation letter from one of the three schools operating within Alpine Central.
- Mt Buller mailing address or re-direction to Mt Buller Post Office for a term not less than 13 consecutive weeks.
- Electoral enrolment in the State area of Benalla.
- Driver's licence with a Mt Buller Alpine Resort address.
- Statutory declaration dated and signed by the applicant confirming occupancy of premises for a minimum of 5 days per week on the mountain for a term not less than 13 consecutive weeks (leased or sub-leased by themselves or his/her spouse or resident children) and having a mailing address re-direction to Mt Buller Post Office for a term not less than 13 consecutive weeks.
- 3. Written consent from the Body Corporate or written confirmation of unanimous consent from all apartment owners on site, permitting your dog onto the site.
- Provide details of your dog's registration, where outside Mt Buller Alpine Resort (a letter from your Vet stating dog's name, sex, breed and if it is desexed will also meet this criteria.)

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