

# **Solton Manor Pet-Friendly Wedding Policy**

**Effective: November 2025** 

At Solton Manor, we know that for many couples' pets are family. We are therefore delighted to welcome well-behaved dogs (and some other small pets) as part of your wedding day or stay, provided the following policy is followed.

## 1. Kent County Wedding Licence

- All weddings at Solton Manor are conducted under a Kent County Council licence (KCC).
- Couples must obtain their marriage licence directly from Kent County Council (application online or by phone, with a waiting period and associated fees, once we have generated your reserved date and time).
- Please notify KCC that you intend to bring a pet to your wedding they may provide you with additional requirements
- The inclusion of pets must be arranged in advance with our team to ensure compliance with the KCC licensing and safety requirements.

#### 2. Venue Permissions & Restrictions

- Pets are welcome in outdoor ceremony areas, this includes Godric's Garden, Finet's Woodland, and the grounds.
- Pets are welcome in the indoor ceremony area The Old Stables
- For health and safety reasons, pets are not permitted in catering areas, the Dutch Barn dining space, or food preparation areas.

#### 3. Pet Care & Supervision

- A designated pet chaperone (we recommend not a member of the wedding party as they will get called off for photos etc) must supervise your pet at all times.
- Pets must never be left unattended anywhere on the estate or tied up during events.
- Owners are responsible for ensuring their pet is safe, calm, and does not disrupt the ceremony or wedding reception.

#### 4. Leads, Waste & Cleanliness

- Pets must remain on a lead while on the estate grounds.
- Don't forget doggie bags as waste must be cleared immediately by the designated chaperone and disposed of in sealed bags.
- Any damage or extra cleaning caused by pets will be chargeable to the hirer.

## 5. Safety & Comfort

- Please consider your pet's temperament, comfort with crowds, and tolerance of noise (e.g. music, cheering, fireworks).
- Solton Manor reserves the right to restrict pet access if welfare, health & safety, or licensing regulations are compromised.

## 6. Overnight Stays

- Pets are not permitted in the Manor House bedrooms
- Pets are allowed to stay in the Dovecote Cottage overnight however you will need to bring with you:
  - A bed

- Blankets
- Toys
- Water bowls
- Food and treats!

#### **Our Promise**

We love helping couples include their furry (or feathered!) friends in their special day. By following this policy, you can relax knowing your pet will be safe, cared for, and part of your Solton Manor celebration.

### **Reporting Concerns**

If you notice an issue that goes against this policy, report it confidentially to the Estate Manager at info@soltonmanor.com or in writing to: Solton Ltd,

87 St Ann's Road

London

N15 6NJ.

All reports will be taken seriously and responded to fairly and promptly.