Cove PCC

Animals in Church Policy

Animals are not allowed on our premises without permission and welcomers and clergy do have the right to refuse entry. We operate the following policy for animals at all our indoor services and events*. Owners are responsible and need to be in control of their animals at all times including their health and welfare.

Any service/assistant animals and ESAs may be removed at any time if they are a threat to the safety of others, or disruptive or create and unsanitary condition.

Service and Assistance Animals
Trained** service/assistance animals are welcome at all our events. We ask they a re identifiable as service dogs i.e. harness, jacket. We ask service animals to uphold their usual practice of sitting or lying quietly on the floor next to their owner. We ask in services that they sit as directed by welcomers and for ease of access or in case of emergency.

ESAs (Emotional Support Animals)
There is no official registry for emotional support animals therefore we would ask for anyone wishing to bring an ESA to a service or an event does this by prior arrangement. We would ask for information on the animal, the training they have received or are undertaking and what identification they will wear to signify their ESA status i.e. jacket, harness.
In situations where it is appropriate for an ESA to be in attendance, we would ask them to act in the same manner as a service/ assistance animal i.e. sitting or lying quietly next to their owner. There will be certain activities where it is inappropriate for ESAs to be in attendance. We will try to accommodate ESAs where possible.

Pets
Pets are not allowed in our premises.

Notes
Welcomers, Wardens and Clergy have the right to refuse entry

*for outdoors guidance is event specific
** animals in training by permission when risks are discussed