



The market town of St Austell is close to the barns.



Cornish goodies

DOGS STAY FOR FREE

STAR RATING

Dog friendliness of accommodation:



Comfort of accommodation:



Dog friendliness of local area:



AT A GLANCE

Charge for dogs?
NO

Maximum number of dogs allowed:
NO MAXIMUM

Enclosed exercise area?
YES

Can dogs be left unattended?
YES
in the personal kennel

THE BED AND BASKET, ST AUSTELL, CORNWALL.

Accommodation: Self-catering converted barns.

Cost: One-bedroomed barn £270 – £540 per week; three-bedroomed barn £600 – £1,100 per week (25 per cent discount if booked as two-bedroomed); prices depending on season; short breaks available.

Tested by: Gill Arney and Derek Hamilton, with Dobermann Beau and Golden Retriever Ellie.

THE ACCOMMODATION:

The Bed and Basket offers high-quality self-catering accommodation set in two barns: one-bedroomed, for up to two people, and three-bedroomed, for up to six people.

We stayed in the three-bed barn, which consisted of two double rooms and one with adult-sized bunk beds. Travel cots and small children's beds were

also available, as well as high chairs and stairgates. The floors were all easy-to-clean wooden or slate tiled, with underfloor heating. There's a range cooker and halogen hob, a dishwasher, washing machine, dryer, and full-size freezer. All linen, towels, sofa throws and dog towels are provided, as well as a handy hot and cold dog shower on the patio for dirty dogs.

The patio is furnished with a table and chairs, and a barbecue can be provided.

HOW DOG FRIENDLY WAS YOUR RECEPTION?

The owners, Brian and Dawn Abbott, were very friendly and welcoming and, as dog owners themselves, they were understanding of all things doggy. They advised us that dogs were allowed anywhere in the barns and dog throws were provided so they could go on beds and sofas.

A welcome pack of essentials for dogs (including baskets, poo bags, ball throwers, and balls), as well as some Cornish goodies for us humans, was a nice surprise.

ANY ADDED EXTRAS FOR DOGS/OWNERS?

Temporary dog tags are provided with the barn's contact details.

A large private patio outside leads directly on to a very large grassed, enclosed exercise area — and if your dogs aren't that sociable you can easily see if the dogs next door are outside before letting yours out.

A personal kennel is provided so that you can leave your dogs safely if you wish to go to a local attraction where you can't take dogs. The kennel is heated and there's a small outdoor run. If



The large patio.

you're going to be out for the whole day then Brian and Dawn will look in on your dogs, if you wish. Dogs with poor mobility wouldn't be happy here as there are quite a few steps up to the front door.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE AREA:

- The market town of St Austell is just a couple of miles drive away.
- Mevagissey, about seven miles away, has a lighthouse and harbour; the Sharksfin Bar and Restaurant served delicious fish dishes and had plenty of space for our large dogs.
- Nearby Par beach is an easily accessible sandy beach that is dog friendly all year round.
- The Lost Gardens of Heligan allows well-behaved dogs on short leads from October 1 to March 31.

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

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Gill, Derek and the dogs.



The cosy barn.