



#### Dogs

Dogs are welcome in the holiday cottages at Balmoral - however we do request that they are kept under strict control at all times and that you clean up after your dog. When walking in the grounds and gardens of Balmoral we request that your dog is kept on a lead at all times. Holiday cottage guests must also ensure that any dog mess in the grounds and gardens is cleared up so that it will not cause problems for the other visitors and the following guests.

Dog hair is almost impossible to completely eradicate from the property but our housekeeping staff do their utmost as some guests have allergies to dog hair. Therefore we also request that you bring adequate dog beds with you and advise that dogs are not permitted to sleep in the bedrooms. To cover the cost of additional cleaning within the properties there is a charge for dogs staying in the cottages. The charge is **£15 per pet per week** and this should be paid with your final payment for your stay in the cottage

#### Deer Conservation

Balmoral Estates are contacting all holiday cottage residents to ask for assistance with the management of the deer herd on the Estate. During late winter and early spring the deer can be at their lowest condition after the long winter; just before the spring heather and grass growth appears. At this time it is important that the deer are allowed to rest.

Guests at Connachat Cottage and the Garbh Allt Shiel will no doubt have seen the herds of deer near to the properties. It would help the Estate greatly if you could keep to the main paths / tracks and not wander into the nearby woodland, thus allowing the deer to rest at this crucial time. The sight of deer so close to the holiday cottages is one that we hope to preserve for future generations and your cooperation and help with the areas mentioned above will ensure this continues for years to come. The stags also shed their antlers in the early spring and you may see these lying on the ground. Please leave the antlers where they have fallen as the deer will return to eat the fallen antlers, returning much needed nutrients back into their bodies. We very much hope that you will enjoy your stay in the holiday cottages at Balmoral and indeed if this is to be your first stay that you will be delighted with this wonderful location.

#### Driving on the Estate

Most of the roads on the Estate are not strongly built and require a lot of very expensive maintenance. They are very easily damaged, especially during wet weather or when frost is coming out of the ground in the winter or spring. Please only use the Estate roads to get to and from your holiday cottage. All the non-metalled vehicle tracks are for use solely by Estate Staff as they go about their work. Estate tracks should not be used by private cars or 4 x 4 vehicles except for direct access to cottages or in an emergency. The Scarnoch Road across Abergeldie is especially vulnerable to damage and should not be used as a route between Easter Balmoral and Alltnaguibhsaich, the Spittal of Muick or Loch Muick.

**There is no vehicular access to the area in front of the Castle or the low road between the Castle and the West Lodge. Also please be aware of the speed bumps and drive slowly through the village / farm / stud area.**