

NATIONAL FOLK FESTIVAL 2024 ASSISTANCE ANIMAL INFORMATION FORM

Assistance Animal Information

The National Folk Festival only permits guide dogs, hearing dogs and trained assistance animals on to the Festival site and campgrounds. All assistance animals must adhere to the legislation regarding as Assistance Animals.

Assistance animals include:

- Guide dogs: trained to help blind or visually impaired people.
- Hearing dogs: trained to help deaf or hearing-impaired people.
- Mobility support animals: trained to help people with physical disabilities who use wheelchairs or have difficulty moving.
- Medical alert animals: trained to assist their handlers before and during a medical emergency.
- Psychiatric service animals: trained to provide support to people with psychiatric disabilities.

Owners of an assistance animal (except guide dogs), must provide proof that their animal is trained.

This proof should include either:

- An Assistance Animal Pass (VIC)
- Service Dog ID Card
- Handler's Identity Card (QLD)
- Proof that the animal has passed a Public Access Test
- An identity disc and a signed statement or documentation issued by a recognised training body that their animal (or is being) trained as an assistance animal to alleviate the effects of a disability, or a card issued by:
 - o Animal Assisted Therapy Australia
 - o Assistance Dogs Australia
 - o Association of Australia Service Dogs
 - o Australian Support Dogs

Owners of guide dogs are not required to provide proof of training.

Recognised training bodies include:

- Assistance Dogs Australia
- Canine Helpers for the Disabled
- Lions Hearing Dogs
- Disability Aid Dogs Australia
- Righteous Pups
- Assisting Wellbeing Ability Recovery and Empowerment (AWARE) Dogs Australia
- mindDog

Animals not considered by the National Folk Festival to be assistance animals:

- Pet or 'companion' animals
- Therapy animals used to improve a person's quality of life or to facilitate counseling or psychotherapy
- Facility animals that visit people living in hospitals and other medical-related institutions
- Animals kept inside motorhomes, vehicles or at campsites in the campgrounds during the Festival.

Assistance Animal Registration Form

Please complete this form and return it to volunteers@folkfestival.org.au or post to Festival Accessibility, National Folk Festival, PO BOX 179 Mitchell ACT 2911. Please return by Thursday **14th March 2024**.

Contact Details

Full Name of handler
(person with disability)

Contact Name for
Application (If different
to handler)

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Daytime Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Nature of disability or
medical condition:

Assistance Animals: Only Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs and trained Assistance Animals will be permitted on site.

Please indicate type
of assistance animal:

Guide Dog

Hearing Dog*

Trained Assistance Animal*

*NOTE: Owners must provide proof that their Hearing Dog or Assistance Animal is trained.
Please see the information page for details of proof required.

Arrival at the festival:

When you arrive at the Festival, please present to the Access and Campsite team at Gate 7 off Old Well Stn Road, or the Flemington Road Box Office. A volunteer will meet you at the gate and issue the appropriate accreditation.

The Festival will provide you with a tag that identifies your animal to Festival volunteers and staff. The tag must be clearly visible at all times.