



DOG LOVERS: Emma and Harriet Pilgrim, 2, with their dog Sierra and penguin protector advocate Pervis Markers. **Picture: Brodie Weeding**

Dogs' brekkie on the beach

DOGS and their owners will be treated to a free breakfast as part of a community event to raise awareness about native wildlife protection.

The "Dog's Breakfast" will be a casual barbecue breakfast where dog owners can ask questions from experts including Eric Woehler from Birdlife Tasmania and Elaine Ham from the Dogs Home of Tasmania.

It will be held at South Burnie on Saturday at 9:30am as part of a collaboration between Cooe-Camdale Coastcare, Friends of Burnie Penguins and Penguin Rehab & Release.

Event organiser Kathy Grieveson hoped it would prevent future dog attacks on penguins and other wildlife, particularly as the breeding season starts.

"It was to try and increase community awareness about the impact dogs have on coastal areas and the importance of keeping dogs under control and promoting responsible dog ownership," she said.

A similar lunchtime event will be held on the same day at 12:30pm at Coles Beach, Devonport.

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