

# Wildlife advocates host 'Dog's Breakfast' to promote responsible dog ownership

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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, Elaine Ham from the Dogs Home of Tasmania and John Bowden from the Parks and Wildlife Service.

It will be held at South Burnie on Saturday 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.



DOG LOVERS: Emma and Harriet Pilgrim, 2, with their dog Sierra are keen to attend the Dog's Breakfast as part of Burnie Shines. Picture: Brodie Weeding

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

Emma Pilgrim is among those set to attend the Dog's Breakfast and said it was important that dog owners knew how to "use the beach without impacting the birds".

"It's important that everybody gets to share that habitat. We have a lot of coastline in Burnie, we have enough that we can have some for dogs and people and some just for wildlife," she said.

"And it's important that everybody still enjoys the environment, the wildlife as well as the people."

***The Dog's Breakfast will be held 9:30am, October 10 at South Burnie Beach. Book at [www.burnieshines.com](http://www.burnieshines.com).***

***The Dog's Lunch will be held at 12:30pm at Coles Beach. Book by calling 6424 0511.***