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Dog days return as National Trust for Scotland properties re-open
Pets strike a pose at famous national landmarks on International Dog Day 2020

The country's most handsome hounds have been Striding Out For Scotland and striking a pose at famous Scottish landmarks on International Dog Day 2020 (Wednesday 26 August).

The dogs were snapped as the National Trust for Scotland, the charity which cares for some of the nation's most treasured buildings and places, this week announced that 33 of its built heritage properties will re-open this year having closed due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

The re-openings have been made possible by the £3.8million in funding from the Scottish Government, which was received last week (19 August) and a further £2.5m raised by supporters as the charity's future was threatened by the crisis.

Fundraising efforts are still ongoing while a new campaign, Stride Out For Scotland, has been encouraging people to get out and enjoy Scotland's incredible natural heritage at the country parks, Munros and wild spaces that the charity cares for.

Needless to say, Scotland's four-legged friends have been enjoying the chance to shake off the lockdown cobwebs.

And when the National Trust for Scotland appealed for pictures of perfect pups on their favourite strolls, snaps flooded in from all over Scotland.

From Lachie on the Pinewood Trail walk at Inverewe Gardens in the Highlands to Fred climbing Arran's Goatfell, these Dog Days have been worth waiting for.

The National Trust for Scotland is continuing to carry out staggered openings of properties across Scotland.

The charity is also urging visitors to please check and follow [the latest Scottish Government Covid-19 advice](#) and follow [health and hygiene guidelines](#).

You can plan your day out and find National Trust for Scotland properties, with [our easy to use finder at nts.org.uk](#)

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PICTURE CAPTIONS

Image 1: Alfie at Bannockburn

Image 2: Willow at Brodie Castle

Image 3: Fred at Goatfell
 Image 4: Thena at Harmony House
 Image 5: Lachie at the Pinewood Trail walk, Inverewe
 Image 6: Fred at Brodick Castle, Garden & Country Park
 Image 7: Fawkes at Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse & Garden
 Image 8: Archie at The Pineapple

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Notes for Editors

1. The National Trust for Scotland announced a consultation on a series of emergency measures in light of the coronavirus pandemic in May 2020 – full details here: <https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/trust-confirms-emergency-measures>
2. The charity launched its biggest ever fundraising appeal – Save Our Scotland – in response to the crisis with the aim of raising £2.5 million: www.nts.org.uk/donate .
3. Almost all Trust gardens and estates have now re-opened to the public and in the past week the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum and the Hill House were amongst its first built properties to re-open. The current list of openings is available here: <https://www.nts.org.uk/stories/gardens-and-grounds-get-ready-for-visitors-again>
4. The status of built properties in Aberdeenshire and Angus following the receipt of financial support and the outcomes formal consultation are summarised as follows. Natural Heritage properties had re-opened from July 2020, including the Mar Lodge Estate.

JM Barrie’s Birthplace	Open from Easter 2021
Barry Mill	Grounds open; Fully open from Easter 2021
Castle Fraser	Grounds and gardens open; Castle open from Easter 2021
Craigievar Castle	Grounds open; Castle open from Easter 2021
Crathes Castle	Grounds and gardens open; Castle open from September 2020
Drum Castle	Grounds and gardens open; Castle open from September 2020
Fyvie Castle	Grounds and gardens open; Castle open from Easter 2021
Haddo House	Grounds and gardens open; House open from Easter 2021
House of Dun	Grounds and garden open; Fully open from Easter 2021
Leith Hall	Grounds and gardens open; Hall opening date under review
Pitmedden Garden	Garden open from September 2020

5. The National Trust for Scotland is the charity that celebrates and protects Scotland’s heritage. It relies on the support of its members and donors to carry out its important work of caring for the natural and built heritage of Scotland for everyone to enjoy.
6. From coastlines to castles, art to architecture, wildlife to wildernesses, the National Trust for Scotland exists to protect the national and natural treasures we all love. Join us at www.nts.org.uk.

