

News

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MOST pubs welcome our four-legged furry friends these days, recognising that many people see dogs as an integral part of the family.

Bowls of water, treats and biscuits for your pooch are freely on offer at many places and dogs are welcome to lounge with you in the outdoor areas or in the bar of most venues.

But some pubs have gone one step further and now your canine friend can actually join you for a meal, with dog-specific menus available.

The latest to join the growing num-

Pup grub and bark snacks ...menus that are fit for a King (Charles Spaniel)!



The Cupola Kitchen and Rooms in Stoney Middleton offers canine meals and dog-friendly drinks such as this one

served fresh to order.

The Cupawla range also features a retail station, where guests can pick up snacks and chews to take home.

Dogs are welcome throughout the café and restaurant, where they're offered water bowls and treats on arrival. Flooring is wipeable for easy cleaning, and a relaxed, open layout makes it easy for guests with pets, prams or mobility aids to enjoy the space.

Colin Hall, owner of The Cupola, said: "We've designed The Cupola Kitchen as a place where everyone feels welcome, dogs included."

Whether you're walking, exploring the local history, or simply stopping in for a griddled breakfast or pizza, we want you and your pup to feel at home. "The Cupawla menu is just one more way we're making that possible."

The dog-friendly Crewe and Harpur pub allows canine companions in the garden, patio and bar - and it also has a special menu for dogs.

There is a choice of three items on the menu - pork sausage, a 5oz rump steak or a chicken schnitzel - and you don't have to order in advance.

Just turn up with your vaggy-tailed friend and order on the spot.

While not all pubs will offer dog-specific menus, many know how much you love your pampered pooch and are prepared to have doggy stations with treats available, and those who don't allow dogs into pub gardens are likely to be in the minority.

But if you are unsure, you can always check first if they are going to love your dog as much as you do.

ber of pubs and restaurants with discerning doggies in mind is the Cupola Kitchen and Rooms in Stoney Middleton, which has launched The Cupawla - a menu just for dogs.

It joins other places such as the Crewe and Harpur at Swarkestone and also The Manners at Bakewell.

One person on TripAdvisor remarked about the Bakewell venue: "The staff were very welcoming and they even brought us a water bowl and a doggy menu for our pup."

The George and Dragon in Ashbourne has also been known to "offer a sausage to dogs from the menu", according to one visitor.

The doggy Cupawla menu at Cupola Kitchen and Rooms in Stoney Middleton offers freshly prepared meals, healthy treats, and dog-friendly drinks.

This includes grilled chicken, scrambled eggs, Woolballs, Bark Brew and Puppuccino and has breakfast bites, lunchtime dishes and evening nibbles

One Knight only - but Julia is back for three in Buxton!

AWARD-WINNING singer and multi-instrumentalist Julia Knight returns to Buxton Fringe with her collection of comic and parody songs later this month.

Her songs highlight life's joys, absurdities and injustices in equal measure. Find out why she loves avocados but avoids extreme sports.

As well as highlighting issues such as the gig economy and the climate emergency, there are songs about journalist George Monbiot, gin and billionaires.

Julia said: "It's exciting to be back at Buxton Fringe festival this year to share my collection of songs."

"Despite addressing some serious topics, my material is light-hearted and creates a feel-good singalong atmosphere."

In addition to her self-penned songs, Julia sings some of Victoria Wood's classics, which featured in her first solo show, 'I Am Not Victoria Wood'.

Whilst in Buxton, Julia has volunteered to take part in the Buxton Fringe Community Links scheme which partners performers with local community groups.

She said: "The Community Links programme is a fantastic way to bring the Fringe Festival to people who wouldn't otherwise experience it."

"Last year I visited a local care

Julia Knight



home and a nearby hospice to play a selection of songs to extremely appreciative audiences."

Julia is a musician, singer, improviser and psychologist.

Her first solo show, 'I Am Not Victoria Wood', had sell-out runs at Brighton and Edinburgh fringe festivals.

Her second solo show, 'Zeit-Heist: more than a feeling', premiered at Dundee Fringe and received three award nominations and one win at the Liverpool Fringe Festival in 2023.

She is a regular comedy performer of self-penned comic songs on the Dundee comedy circuit and beyond.

Jest Julia - Songs of Joy & Justice will be at Underground venues, The Springs shopping centre, Springs Gardens, Buxton from July 22-24, with tickets at £9 (£8 concessions, £7 discounted). Suitable for ages 14+.

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