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Dog shop
Beds, baskets, collars and
more – shop the look on p29.
Featured above: The Bart Bowl
from Vorster & Braye.



Doggie portraits
We joined forces with the
incredible team at TEARS
Animal Rescue in Cape Town
to photograph a series of
adoptable dogs (plus one
charming cat) – turn to p14 to
meet your next furry best friend.



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Harvest hounds

Sibbel the Weimaraner stands guard from
her perch on the steep table, her family (both
two-and four-legged) never far from sight.
Meet some of the special canine counterparts

to the homeowners, designers, and creatives
featured in *House and Leisure* Volume 17
(Harvest), and discover the spaces they
grace with their antics, companionship, and
unwavering loyalty – see p4 for more!



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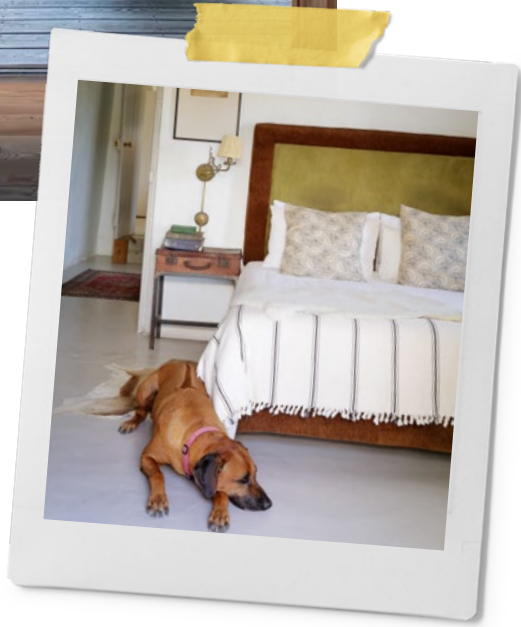
rovers will rove

Pack your bags, we’re going on a roadie! Cosy up this winter with dog-friendly country stays full of muddy paws, long walks, crackling fires and wide-open adventure...

Words by Robyn Collyer
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Images courtesy of Perfect Hideaways & Babylonstoren



Clockwise from left The veranda in Wellington is the perfect spot for a sundowner. At Tankwa River Lodge, cosy nooks and soft spaces invite you to cuddle up close to the fire. The Blogck offers endless views over untamed wilderness. Picture-perfect Joubertsdal farmhouse is filled with the charm of days gone by.



stays

Fur-friendly farm stays

If you’re daydreaming of a getaway where your doggo is not just tolerated but truly welcomed, Perfect Hideaways has you covered. Their team has carefully curated a collection of dog-friendly stays across South Africa, each one ensuring your pup is treated like family. After all, what’s a farm stay without muddy paws, scenic strolls and cosy spots close to the fire, where both you and your four-legged friend can feel right at home? [@perfecthideaways](https://perfecthideaways.co.za)

Drakenskloof:
Wellington, Western Cape
This a soul-stirring mountain retreat in the Cape Winelands where dogs can roam free on trails, splash in rivers and snooze in the sun. With rustic charm, thoughtful luxury and deep roots in conservation, it’s the perfect rural escape for families – paws and all – to reconnect and unwind.

Tankwa River Lodge:
Tankwa Karoo, Northern Cape
Set deep in the vast Northern Cape, Tankwa River Lodge is a beautifully restored 1850s farmhouse on a 2,600-hectare reserve. With endless dirt roads, dramatic desert landscapes, stargazing skies and silence broken only by nature, it’s pure magic. Dogs will love the freedom, cool dips, and dusty adventure.

Joubertsdal:
Swellendam, Western Cape
Tucked beneath the Langeberg mountains, Joubertsdal offers laid-back farm living at its best. With 300 hectares of open space, fynbos trails and cosy comforts, dogs will adore the freedom, fresh air and sunny garden naps. This is where muddy paws meet warm hospitality and country charm.

The Blogck House:
Thabazimbi, Waterberg, Limpopo
Set in the heart of Limpopo’s wild beauty, The Blogck House at Cypiro is an off-grid safari escape surrounded by 70 hectares of untamed bushveld. With game-viewing decks, open-air showers and endless mountain views, it’s a nature-lover’s dream. A secure garden makes it perfect for pups, who will enjoy the space safely, while you soak up the stillness of the savannah.

Olive Farm:
Prince Albert, Western Cape
Set on a 1,600-hectare working olive farm, the Olive Grove is a peaceful escape, rich in history. Dating back to 1810, the manor, farmhouse and cottages blend heritage charm with modern comfort. Your doggo’s will love roaming the open space and joining you on walks through olive groves and farm trails. This space allows you to collect fresh eggs, meet farm animals, and enjoy dinners under the stars – while pets savour the calm of the wide, open land. ●



From left
The pawfect pair – Tessa (left) and Pippa (below) – take their ‘meet and greet’ duties very seriously.



experience

The dogs of Soetmelksvlei

Pippa and Tess, Soetmelksvlei’s rough collies, are the beating heart of this historic farm – one of the cherished experiences at Babylonstoren. Whether stretched out in a patch of sunlight or trotting between guests with watchful eyes and swishing tails, these two darlings are never far from view. Endlessly loyal and full of character, they’ve become much-loved companions to everyone who visits – and a source of quiet joy to those who live and work here.

But the farm’s animal family stretches far beyond the collies. This is a true working farm, alive with the gentle rhythm of oxen pulling carts, draft horses grazing under old trees, and dairy cows lining up for milking. Chickens scratch, ducks chatter, and somewhere nearby, Gemmer the cat curls up on a sunny stoep.

At Soetmelksvlei, animals aren’t just part of the past – they shape every day in the present. Their presence brings authenticity, beauty, and a touch of old-world wonder to this thoughtfully restored 19th-century werf.

Please note though, that while Pippa and Tess are always ready to say hello, guests are kindly asked not to bring their own dogs. This is a working farm, home to many feathered and four-legged friends that need space and peace to thrive. ● [@babylonstoren](https://babylonstoren)