

# ANNANDALE Observer

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## Dogs enjoy holiday offer

IT MAY be a dog's life, but why shouldn't our four-legged friends enjoy a holiday from time-to-time?

Barking Mad, Annan & Dumfries find local host homes for pooches while their owners are away, and the company has now teamed up with travel firm Thomas Cook Annan to offer travellers a special free night's holiday for their dog.

Marian Brett, who launched the local Barking Mad last June, said: "We know from experience that many pet owners won't even consider going abroad because they are worried about abandoning their beloved pet.

"With options limited, relying on friends and family or choosing kennels have historically been the most obvious choices, but for many

these options are just not available.

"Only ten per cent of dog owners use kennels and 28 per cent are foisted onto friends and neighbours — and many of those would rather not have the responsibility.

"We're helping solve that problem, and it's fantastic news that the world's best known travel company, Thomas Cook, is helping its cus-

tomers have the peace of mind they need."

Dog owners booking a holiday of seven days or more with Thomas Cook before the end of February will receive a voucher for a free night's stay for their dog.

The pampered pooches' parents can relax and will even receive a holiday postcard from their dog when they return.