

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR YOUR POOCH

RAFFERTY the kelpie cross is project manager at Sniffspace.

His favourite pastimes include agility work, chasing balls and sniffing things.

Rafferty dislikes strangers who want to touch him uninvited, and dogs who run up and get in his face.

Rafferty is not alone; lots of dogs are anxious about unwelcome interactions. It's one of the reasons off-leash dog parks don't work for everyone.

As a result, Rafferty and his people have created a directory of privately owned

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and locally hosted off-leash dog exercise areas across Australia.

Dog owners can use the online directory to rent a private and secure off-leash space purely for their own use.

If your dog is anxious, reactive or simply likes doing their own thing, a large, secure open space for running, sniffing, chasing, playing frisbee or possibly even

swimming has a lot going for it.

While there are plenty of listings in other states, there's just one Sniffspace in Tasmania at this time.

Located 10 minutes north of Beaconsfield at Clarence Point in the Tamar Valley, dogs can run, chase and sniff to their heart's content for \$20 an hour on more than an acre of fenced land. Sniffspace's creators hope to offer more options in the state and are encouraging dog lovers with a big back yard or acreage to consider registering their

space with the platform.

Hosts need to set up an account, register their space, add some photos and set up their calendar.

From there bookings and earnings come in, resulting in a little extra money and an enriched life for dogs, who can run free in a safe environment.

For more information visit www.sniffspace.com.au

While you're there, click through to Sniffspace's YouTube channel to see dog Frankie revelling in his very own space.

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Kelpie cross Rafferty and his owner Tracey love the fun and freedom of Sniffspace.