



Professional Dog Walkers Association

Setting the dog walking industry standards

Professional Dog Walkers Association Best Practice Guidelines & Compliancy Code

- Ensure the health and safety of any dog in my / our care at all times.
- Keep all dogs in my / our care under control at all times.
- Have a genuine care, respect and courtesy for all animals, the public, other dog walkers and environment at all times.
- Ensure security of our clients' premises following all visits, collection and return of dogs.
- Make myself aware and up to date of all laws associated with dogs, control and handling, my local council bye-laws, park management rules and outdoor access codes.
- Obtain any necessary permits from my local council and comply with their code of practice.
- Ensure all dogs in my / our care have safe and correctly fitted collars and / or harnesses.
- Ensure all dogs in my / our care are microchipped.
- Clean up after dogs in my / our charge and dispose of waste properly in line with current legislation.
- Ensure all dogs in my / our care are transported in a safe and secure manner.
- All dogs should be walked away from and returned to the vehicle on the lead.
- Provide sufficient Public Liability Insurance for my / our dog walking service.
- Provide Employers Liability insurance if I employ / engage volunteer dog walkers.
- Only exercise a maximum of 4 well behaved dogs per person at one time in a public area.
- Carry a dog 1st Aid kit at all times.
- I / we will not solicit clientele from any other local dog walking business.
- I / we will not use any form of corporal punishment for any dogs in my / our care.
- I / we will not disclose any private, personal or confidential information about my clients.
- Ensure that all employees or contractors under my / our management abide by these Guidelines.
- Ensure that all employees / volunteers receive relevant on the job training.
- I / we will not advertise falsely any service or credentials.
- I / will not bring the Professional Dog Walkers Association (PDWA) or the industry into disrepute.