



Code of Conduct

All Professional Dog Walkers and Pet Carers advertising on here will:

- ✓ Be a Green Dog Walker and clean up after the dogs in their care and dispose properly of all waste, thereby setting an example to members of the public and have available bags for others to borrow.
- ✓ Never walk more than the local area allows and the amount they are insured for to minimise the impact walking multiple dogs has on others and ensure their insurance is valid.
- ✓ Respect and promote all current animal control laws and by-laws
- ✓ Ensure all dogs walked by them have identification tags displaying owners/handlers contact details
- ✓ Ensure dogs are never left unattended in public places
- ✓ Show care and respect for the public and the environment
- ✓ Be courteous at all times to members of the public.
- ✓ Not advertise falsely any service or similar credentials
- ✓ Ensure dogs are transported in a safe and legal manner
- ✓ Not use any form of corporal punishment on a dog
- ✓ Not to solicit the clientele belonging to another dog walking group
- ✓ Have a good knowledge of dog behaviour and skills in dog training and handling
- ✓ Not walk a dog off the lead without permission from their owners
- ✓ Ensure there is always clean water available for the dogs
- ✓ To inform the dog warden immediately of any missing dogs



Code of Ethics

Professional Dog Walkers and Pet Carers will consider the following:

- Ensure to the best of their ability, the care and safety of all animals, the public, and the environment always. (Animals Act 1971, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991)
- Abide by the Animal Welfare Act and never provide physical discipline.
- Never walk any dog that shows aggressive behaviour anywhere any person or animal can be harmed and ensure the dogs that walk in a group are well socialised.
- Ensure all dogs in their care are under adequate control (The dogs (NI) Order 1983, The Dogs (Amendment) Act 2011, Welfare of Dogs)
- Ensure all dogs have suitable and correctly fitting equipment and are legally allowed on a walk. (Road Traffic Act 1988, Control of Dogs Order 1992, Dangerous Dogs Act 1991)
- Clean up after the animal(s) in their care and dispose properly of any waste as the local guidelines state (Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005)
- Provide adequate ventilation while travelling and fresh water.
- Not leave unattended in a hot vehicle unless picking up and dropping off
- Drive and park as courteously as possible and ensure the wellbeing of the passengers.
- Check the dogs have clean, fresh water in their home.
- Not disclose any private, personal, or confidential information about clients.
- Not advertise falsely any services or credentials.
- Put the animal's welfare before any commercial interest.
- Show courtesy to fellow pet care professionals and shall not seek to discredit or undermine the reputation of other professionals or solicit clientele of said professionals.
- Spreading malicious libellous and/or slanderous comments is unprofessional.