

Dog Walking Contract

The parties to this contract and agreement are:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Owner")

AND

Name(s): _____

Physical Address: _____

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Walker")

Whereas the Owner wishes to engage the Walker and the Walker agrees to undertake the services under the terms and provisions defined in this Dog Walking Contract as well as the Pet Information Sheet(s) and the Veterinary Release Form which shall all become part of this Contract. Any reference to dogs or pets in this contract shall refer to those specified on the Pet Information Sheet(s).

1. Relationship and Responsibilities

- 1.1. It is expressly understood that the Owner retains the services of the Walker as an Independent Contractor and not as an employee.
- 1.2. The Walker undertakes to perform the agreed-on services in an attentive, reliable and professional manner, and the Owner undertakes to provide all necessary information to assist in this performance.
- 1.3. The Walker undertakes to notify the Owner of any unforeseen occurrence pertaining to the dog which may be relevant to the care and well-being of the dog.
- 1.4. The Walker will supply and be equipped with a scooper and waste bags and will duly remove the dog's faeces from all public places.
- 1.5. The Walker reserves the right to walk other friendly, sociable and compatible dogs at the same time, unless a solo dog walk has been specifically requested by the Owner, and undertakes to limit the number of dogs walked with one person to a maximum of 4 (four).
- 1.6. The Owner will provide suitable harnesses, collars and leads as approved by the Walker as well as coats or muzzles if required.
- 1.7. The Walker shall not be obliged to perform any other duties except those specified on the Owner's Information sheet and Pet Information sheet.

2. Compensation

- 2.1. The Walker shall be paid the amount of £ _____ per solo dog walk, and/or £ _____ per group dog walk, plus £ _____ per additional dog. (Please refer to website for full charge information: <https://walkourwoofers.co.uk/prices.html>)
- 2.2. A monthly retainer of £ _____ shall be payable in advance and payment of the monthly balance effected within 5 days of receipt of the account for the outstanding balance at the end of every month.

3. Duration

- 3.1. This Dog Walking Contract shall come into effect on the _____ day of _____ 20 ____ and shall:
 - A. Terminate on the _____ day of _____ 20 ____.
- OR
- B. Terminate when either party gives 7 (seven) days written notice of termination.

4. Cancellation or Early Termination

4.1. Either party may terminate this Dog Walking Contract a minimum of 24 (twenty four) hours prior to the first scheduled visit without incurring penalties or damages.

4.2. Cancellation by the Owner of scheduled walks with less than 24 hrs notice may be charged at the full rate or rescheduled at the discretion of the Walker.

4.3. Where the Walker as sole proprietor needs to cancel a scheduled walk due to unforeseen circumstances, he/she may appoint a substitute Walker with the written approval of the Owner and any difference in the fees charged shall be for the account of the Walker.

4.4. Should any dog become aggressive or dangerous, the Walker may terminate this dog walking contract with immediate effect.

4.5. Any wrongful or misleading information in the Veterinary Release or Pet Information Sheets may constitute a breach of terms of this Dog Walking Contract and be grounds for instant termination thereof.

4.6. Termination under the circumstances described in 4.4 or 4.5 above shall not entitle the Owner to any refunds nor relief of any outstanding payments due.

5. Liability

5.1. The Walker accepts no liability for any breach of security or loss of or damage to the Owner's property if any other person has access to the property during the term of this agreement.

5.2. The Walker shall not be liable for any mishap of whatsoever nature which may befall a dog or caused by a dog who has unsupervised access to the outdoors.

5.3. The Owner shall be liable for all medical expenses and damages resulting from an injury to the Walker caused by the dog as well as damage to the Owner's property.

5.4. The Walker is released from all liability related to transporting dog(s) to and from any veterinary clinic or kennel, the medical treatment of the dog(s) and the expense thereof.

6. Indemnification

The Walker will not be held liable for any costs, expenses, losses, liabilities and/or third party claims arising from said dog's behaviour unless the Walker is negligent in their responsibilities and obligations as outlined in this Contract.

7. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, the Walker shall contact the Owner at the number(s) provided to confirm the Owner's choice of action. If the Owner cannot be reached promptly, the Walker is authorised to:

7.1. Transport the dog(s) to the veterinarian listed on the Veterinary Release Sheet;

7.2. Request on-site treatment from the veterinarian listed on the Veterinary Release Sheet;

7.3. Transport the dog(s) to an emergency clinic if the previous two options are not feasible.

8. Security

The Walker warrants to keep safe and confidential all keys, remote control entry devices, access codes and personal information of the Owner and to return same to the Owner at the end of the contract period or immediately upon demand.

9. Relaxation of Terms

No relaxation, indulgence, waiver or release by any party of any of the rights in terms of this agreement on one occasion shall prevent the subsequent enforcement of such rights and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of any of the terms.

10. Whole Agreement

This Dog Walking Contract and attached Pet Information Sheet(s) and the Veterinary Release Sheet(s) constitute the sole and entire agreement between the parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and the parties waive the right to rely on any alleged, expressed or implied provision not contained therein. Any alteration to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

11. Assignment

No party may assign any of its rights or delegate or assign any of its obligations in terms of this Dog Walking Contract without the prior written consent of the other party, except where otherwise stated.

12. Binding Effect

The terms of this Contract shall be binding upon and accrue to the benefit and be enforceable by either party's successors, legal representatives and assigns.

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20 ____ by the Owner who warrants his/her authority to enter into this agreement.

Owner's Signature: _____

Signed at _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20 ____ by the Walker who warrants his/her authority to enter into this agreement.

Walker's Signature: _____