

# COVID-19 Dog Walking Policy



## Walking Your Dog & Covid-19

Your dog provides invaluable companionship, and for many dogs, going out for a walk is an important part of their daily routine. The measures I have put in place to control Coronavirus, help to ensure the safety of all parties involved. With simple precautions, such as washing hands and using hand sanitiser as frequently as possible.

Although, face coverings are not mandatory, for your safety I adopt good practice in any indoor environment, and will always wear a face covering when visiting your property or mixing with other members of the public within an indoor setting.

Whilst there remains little evidence, that pets are implicated in the transmission of Coronavirus to people and infection in pets are rare, there is still some risk of virus transmission from person to person through their pets and their belongings. Although scientific studies, show such transmission is relatively unlikely.

## Collecting Your Dog

- I will avoid any contact with the property occupants during my visit.
- I will maintain at least 2 metres distance at all times, whenever possible.
- I will wear a face covering at all times during my visit to your property.
- I will wash/sanitise my hands before entering and leaving your property.
- I will wipe down any dog leads/harnesses with pet friendly, anti-bacterial wipes

## Transporting Your Dog

- I will, wherever possible minimise my contact with your dog during the journey.
- I will disinfect any area of the vehicle your dog(s) may come into contact with prior to the journey.
- I will only transport dog(s) from one household at a time.

## Walking Your Dog

- I will only walk dogs from the same household at any one time.
- I will sanitise frequently, when walking your dog(s)
- I will observe social distancing guidelines at all times; keeping to quieter areas
- I will, wherever possible minimise my contact with your dog(s).
- I will keep your dog(s) on a lead, and avoid mixing with other dogs for long periods.

## Returning Your Dog

- I will avoid any contact with any of the property occupants during my visit.
- I will maintain at least 2 metres distance at all times, whenever possible.
- I will wear a face covering at all times during my visit to your property.
- I will wash/sanitise my hands before entering and leaving your property.
- I will wipe down any dog leads/harnesses with pet friendly, anti-bacterial wipes

## COVID-19 Transmission

There are no confirmed instances of transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19) from pets to people. However, the virus could be passed from person to person via a surface such as a dog's fur, collar and lead.



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