



BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR DOG WALKING

Thrive Dog Care is committed to the following Best Practice Guidelines:

- We adhere to all national and local legislation, rules and regulations with regard to walking dogs in public space.
- The number of dogs walked at any one time is safely manageable so all dogs are under our control at all times.
- Risk assessments are in place for emergency situations, such as: dog fights, vehicle break down, injured or lost dog.
- We carry out full and appropriate risk assessments for each dog and walk.
- Introduction of new dogs to an existing group is planned and guided to ensure the safety and welfare of the new and existing dogs.
- We walk dogs only with dogs they are comfortable with.
- We complete a 'Walk Log' at the end of each walk to leave with the owner.
- Dogs will be transported in a safe, secure vehicle. Crate locks etc. should be checked each time before use.
- Dogs will be transported in a clean vehicle. Crates are cleaned and disinfected before and after use by different dogs.
- All leads, collars and harnesses used are fit for purpose and well-fitting, and are checked each time before use.
- All equipment, gear a/o toys used are fit for purpose and checked each time before use.
- We offer alternatives if a dog is not able to walk due to temporary circumstances, such as: hot/bad weather, dogs in season, injured dogs.
- We register with and build a relationship with local veterinary practices to be familiar should an emergency situation occur.
- We are acquainted with and have a relationship with the local dog wardens.
- We obtain permission if we (wish to) use privately owned land to walk our dogs.
- During handling no verbal or physical punishment, aversive methods or physical force will be used for any dogs in our care.
- We carry a full First Aid kit in the vehicle and a travel aid kit during walks.
- Carry a fully serviced fire extinguisher in the vehicle.
- All staff working with Thrive Dog Care will have up-to-date Garda Vetting.