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# The Dog Walkers Code

in association with Elmbridge Borough Council

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A charter for Dog Walkers using countryside sites promoting responsible dog walking

- Dog Walkers agree to clean up after the dogs in their charge, setting a good example to members of the public.
- Dog Walkers agree to keep dogs under proper control in line with the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and Dogs Act 1871 – these laws apply to everyone.
- Dog Walkers agree to be considerate to other countryside site users, including families, runners, cyclists, walkers, horse riders and wildlife.
- Dog Walkers agree to keep away from ground works taking place on countryside sites.
- Dog Walkers agree to make themselves aware of the laws and bylaws relating to dogs.
- Dog Walkers exercising dogs agree to minimise their impact on other countryside users, to avoid causing concern to members of the public.
- Dog Walkers agree to attach identification to dogs, whilst in their charge, that hold contact details of the company/owner.
- Dog Walkers agree they should have a good knowledge of dog behaviour and handling skills.



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# Additional requirements for Professional Dog Walkers

- Professional Dog Walkers agree to provide appropriate insurance cover for the service.
- Professional Dog Walkers agree to only exercise the number of dogs, which are covered by their insurance policy, and exercise adequate control in line with relevant legislation.
- Professional Dog Walkers agree to provide adequate caging/containment within vehicles to safely transport the dogs. Professional Dog Walkers agree not to restrain dogs by leashes or chains within the vehicles. If necessary, cage doors should be fitted.
- Professional Dog walkers agree to transport dogs in vehicles fitted with adequate ventilation and extraction so as not to cause them distress, especially during hot weather and provide water as necessary.

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