

EQUIPMENT - DOG WALKING/PET CARE RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are some recommendations for walking equipment. Thanks to also contributions made by Members and own team.

1. General recommendations

First aid kit
Spare leads/longline/harness
Poo bags
Trackers
Treats
Water/collapsible water bowl
Tags (can have business name on)
Old towels
Porta showers to wash dogs off
Tick remover
Slip lead (in case of emergency) * Please read PPN ethics on slip leads
Nail clippers and blood clotting powder (added to first aid kit)
Quality treats and treat bag
Dog Whistle

2. Legal requirements

Restraints/safety - the law states that dogs **must be restrained** while travelling so these are some recommendations:

Crates
Boot guards
Harness and tether system

Also, legal requirement that the dogs have tags. It's worth having your own as per the list so if for any reason a dog gets away your number is on there too.

3. Important considerations

Space considerations - dog walking is sadly still unregulated so there is no law to say they should be separate. However best practise suggests dogs shouldn't be able to reach each other - we don't even travel dogs from same home in same crate. It's a confined space and even the most placid dog may feel the need to react if pushed.

Crates - Always recommend crash tested, custom-built crates. They are expensive but worth every penny and something everybody should be considering regardless of big or small business.

4. Paperwork - service agreements, liability, cover

The lay out what is expected of clients and what business will provide, plus what you should have prepared before meeting a client:

Key release forms

Veterinary release forms etc

Insurance-public liability (all members of PPN who run a business are required to have this)

Vehicle/business insurance and fit for purpose vehicle

Questionnaire

Terms and conditions/contract (including weather policies etc)

It is also best practice to have a **canine first aid certification** (recommended hosted/tuition with a qualified veterinary nurse, PPN recommend Rachel Bean as our Affiliate) and **body language knowledge** - particularly for when grouping unknown dogs

5. The human end of the lead recommendations

Invest in good boots - you rely on your feet being able to walk miles so they need to be comfortable and waterproof

Water

Sun cream, sunglasses, sunhat if applicable!

Waterproofs

Small human first aid kit

Mobile phone

Panic alarm

Snacks!

Water!

Backpack/bumbag

Reflective/high visibility jacket (please note that some dogs can be nervous of these!)

Branded clothing

A training vest (recommended pinewood summer vest)