



Welcome to the Sheffield Dog Walking Group



WHO WE ARE

Sheffield dog walking group invites likeminded dog lovers along for fun social group dog walks, organised by experienced dog handlers and dog trainers.

The Sheffield dog walking group was set up for people who own or love dogs to walk and socialise together as we discovered that the Ramblers and other walking organisations were not always very welcoming of dogs! The purpose of this new group is to achieve a friendly social atmosphere amongst our members of all ages, who in turn can create friendships between other owners and their 4 legged friends. We aim to guide you on differing routes in distance, difficulty, duration and location with a Cafe or Pub stop, hopefully included along the way.

Dogs may need to be lead walked for long periods on the walk due to livestock or any other restricting issues. This means that your dog should have had basic training and to be proficient at lead walking as not to upset other walkers in the group and other people. Failing that, the use of a Halter or Stop Pull harness, can make the walk more comfortable. You will also need a long training type lead or extending lead for when we walk near sheep and nesting birds.

Please note that dogs with serious behaviour issues such as aggression would not be able to attend due to safety reasons and for the comfort of all members. Although Victoria will be present, unfortunately she cannot offer in depth behavioural advice on the walk as it is not the purpose of the group. However if your dog does present issues then brief advice can be requested along with either the request for group training courses or behavioural 1-1 help as required.





MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Membership will entitle you to participate on all organised walks and to be kept up to date with all Sheffield dog walking group information. The walks will not be open to non-members, as this will enable organisers to keep control of numbers attending and also prevent any aggressive dogs being included.

Membership is secured through the completion of the registration form, the signing of the terms and conditions page and payment of the annual fee. On receipt of this you will be issued with a credit card sized membership card with your membership number on. Please bring this with you on each walk so we are able to keep a register of member's attendance.

The membership will also allow you to attend any social functions that are arranged by SDWG, and future discount promotions secured with local businesses.

Yearly single dog membership fee = £15
Yearly Joint dog membership fee = £20 (any extra dogs will be charged at £7.50 per dog)

these fees are subject to change at any time

Cheques are to be made payable to **Victoria Cooper**

Completed membership forms can either be emailed back or posted along with a cheque to:

Victoria Cooper
42 Meadow Head Drive
Sheffield S8 7TQ

For all membership and general enquires or for questions regarding dog suitability: email or call Victoria Cooper on 01142 747665 / 07811031694

All emails are to be sent to: sheffielddogwalkinggroup@hotmail.com

Updated details will be posted on site: www.sdwg.co.uk





REGISTRATION FORM

Date:

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone Numbers:

Home:
Mobile:

Email Address:

Dogs Name:

Male / Female:

Neutered:

Breed:

Age:

Lead walked regularly: Yes No

Walked on: Collar Halti Harness

Safe off lead: Yes No

Good Recall Yes No

Reaction to other dogs:

Dog Identification: Tag Chipped

Currently on flea control: Yes No

Vaccination Booster Date:

The section below is for you to give us any details you think maybe be helpful for us to know or any extra information that has not been covered:





Sheffield Dog Walking Groups Terms and Conditions.

Signing below means that you have read the following terms and conditions have been understood and accepted.

All individual dog owners must take full responsibility for their animal's behaviour through the walks. Even though there are dog trainers and walkers present, they will not be able to monitor the group behaviour at all times and at no time can any animals, livestock or owners be put at risk from out of control behaviour. If you have any concerns about your dog's behaviour, please contact Victoria of People & Dogs to discuss.

If any dog demonstrates aggressive behaviours towards people and/or dogs on the walks, then unfortunately they will be asked to leave the group if convenient to do so, if not they will be asked to follow the group at the rear so not to cause any further problems. It is at the walk leaders discretion and experience that determines if a dog's behaviour is not acceptable on the group walks. We must ask for this, as small incidents can soon escalate in to a much larger problem with the possible result of stress or injury to animals and owners.

Owners should be responsible citizens and clear up after their dog on public footpaths and pavements.

All sporting and leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them and walking is no exception. In spite of the safety of members always being the paramount concern, accidents will occasionally occur. It is important therefore, that when entering into the activity, each member appreciates that they have a responsibility to identify the hazards associated with the activity and take all reasonable precautions to eliminate or minimise the potential for an accident to arise

It must be accepted that any injury or accidents caused to yourself or your animal during the walks, will not be covered by Sheffield dog walking groups insurance and it will be down to your own personal 3rd party insurance, your animals insurance or your own personal cost. Also if there is any injury caused to other animals it is down to the parties involved to sort out any problems.

The information provided regarding the walks in terms of distance, duration and level is to give you basic guidance. Walkers should be of good physical fitness as they may need to negotiate styles, obstacles and difficulties in gradient. Walkers must also expect terrain and weather conditions to change throughout the walks so correct foot wear and clothing will need to be worn. Light weight sports, sandals or fashion trainers are not acceptable.

Your dog will need a collar with an ID disc with your name, contact numbers, post code and dogs name (optional) clearly engraved, according to the law.

We suggest you use a flat collar, stop pull harness, or head collar and a long line for extended periods of walking. At certain points along the walk we hope that dogs can run free, if the circumstances allow it. We also suggest you do not feed your dog before a walk but carry plenty of tasty titbits to ensure a good recall when required.

The Countryside code must be abided to at all times:

Dogs on leash around livestock and not worry the livestock with barking, lunging etc, and on a leash in bird nesting areas, close gates after you pass through, do not leave litter, stick to the pathways, keep off crops, pick up after your dog, we also suggest you check your 3rd party insurance (usually household) to make sure your dog is covered if it causes an accident.

For further information on these subjects and The KC Good Citizen Dog scheme, please check with the Kennel Club at www.thekennelclub.org.uk or www.gcds.org.uk

Please note that harsh handling/correction of any dog will not be tolerated. We promote positive training methods and responsible ownership at all times.

Please sign if you agree to accept our Terms and Conditions. Thank you.

Signed: _____

Date: _____





GENERAL WALK INFORMATION

Walks have been completed by organisers and walk leaders so they are fully aware of the correct route to take and also advise participants of any terrain difficulties. Notes have been taken of any possible issues with live stock. This will be indicated by the relevant symbol on the individual walk description.

Walks will be programmed in for the first Sunday of every month, with a start time of approx 10am. Members are asked to arrive promptly at the start point in time to be ready for the departure time. These dates and times may be subject to change, and all members will be contacted and advised accordingly.

Walks are graded in distance, gradient and an estimated time to complete.

Distances will vary with:

Short walks = anything up to 3 – 4 miles

Medium walks = 4 – 7 miles

Long walks = 7 miles +

Grades will vary with:

Level 1 = Easy terrain/footpaths with gentle gradients

Level 2 = Moderate terrain with varying gradients

Level 3 = Uneven challenging terrain including steep gradients



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