



Use of the Cranbrook Country Park

Professional Dog Walkers Code of Conduct

The Council recognises the importance and obvious benefit to everyone of promoting responsible and considerate dog walking. As a profession, dog walking companies must treat the safety and welfare of dogs and people as paramount at all times. As a condition of using the public open space in the town, professional dog walkers are invited to sign up to the following voluntary code of conduct.

- to comply with the Control of Dogs Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 issued by East Devon District Council on 26th April 2017 available at
<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/public-spaces-protection-orders>
- to keep dogs in my charge under proper control at all times
- to ensure operatives have an identification badge stating the company name and contact details. This must be worn while exercising dogs in public spaces
- to attach visible identification to dogs in my charge, giving details of the company, in addition to the visible owner's identification tag
- to keep abreast of any forthcoming changes in legislation regarding micro-chipping of dogs and dangerous dogs
- to do everything to minimise the impact of exercising multiple dogs on other open space users, therefore avoiding causing concern to members of the public
- to provide appropriate insurance cover for the business
- to only exercise the maximum number of dogs covered by insurance
- to only transport dogs in vehicles that are fit for purpose, with current insurance, tax and MOT
- to ensure there is adequate ventilation and extraction for the size of vehicle and number of dogs carried, and efficient heat and temperature control or air conditioning

- to always carry clean, fresh drinking water and clean bowls to offer dogs after exercise
- to not restrain dogs by leashes or chains within the vehicles. Caging or containment within vehicles must be suitable for the size and number of dogs, to safely transport them. Ideally, cage doors should be fitted to the vehicle
- to have a good knowledge of dog behaviour and skills in dog training and handling
- to have a sound knowledge of canine first aid
- to be registered with a local vet
- to have a plan of action in the event of an emergency

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