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Permit No:	Payment method: CHQ no:	Date:

Commercial Dog Walker Application Form – 2023/24

Please send the completed form to:
The Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, RH18 5JP or email conservators @ashdownforest.org

If you have any enquires, contact our office on 01342 823583

1. Your details

Name:

Trading name:

Address:
..... Postcode:

Telephone number: Email:

Vehicle registration:

2. Application type - please tick

Renewal Permit Number:

New application

Annual charge– from 1 April 2023: £139.65

Total to pay: £.....

3. Method of Payment - please tick

BACS – Use ref: DOG xxxxx where xxxx is your surname HSBC Sort code: 40 18 39 Acct 5111 6215

Payment by Credit or Debit card – Please call the office on 01342 823583

4. Terms and conditions

I enclose a copy of the current certificate of insurance – with a minimum of £5 million third party public liability (please tick)

I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the licence and the Dog Walkers Code of Conduct – detailed overleaf (please tick)

I understand that I must display my badge when walking on Ashdown Forest

Signed:.....

Date:.....

STAFF TO COMPLETE

Annual commercial dog walker licence – from 1 April 2022:

Total paid: £..... Date paid:.....

Permit number: Staff initials:.....

To be retained by purchaser as proof of purchase.

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE AND DOG WALKERS CODE OF CONDUCT

A commercial dog walking licence permits an individual to exercise **up to six dogs** at any one time on Ashdown Forest subject to the following conditions:

Your permit should be displayed clearly in your vehicle and should be worn when walking dogs commercially on the forest.

- **Dogs must be under effective control at all times and placed on leads when in the grazing area, or in close proximity of grazing livestock on other parts of Ashdown Forest, but release your dog if you are chased by cattle so you can both get to safety separately.**
- **Dogs must be placed on leads when in close proximity to horse riders and young children.**
- **All dog faeces should be bagged and removed from the Forest. Dog mess can cause serious infections to people and other animals, it changes the chemistry of Forest soils and spoils the surroundings for everyone else.**
- **During bird nesting season (March-September), dogs must be kept on the paths and out of the heathland habitat.**
- **Dog should not be allowed to enter any pond, stream or waterway on Ashdown Forest as these are important for many species of invertebrate and other wildlife species.**
- The duty Ranger should be informed immediately if a dog escapes from control by calling 01342 822846
- No wheeled vehicle may be taken out of the car park onto Ashdown Forest.
- Public Liability insurance copy must be provided for the Conservators' records.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on the Forest but please remember the 4 'Cs':

- **CONTROL** – Always ensure that your dog is in sight and comes back when called.
If you are not totally confident of your dog's recall, use a lead.
- **CARE FOR FARM ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE** – Never let your dog approach or chase livestock or wildlife.
- **CONSIDER OTHERS** – Never let your pet approach other people, dogs or horses uninvited.
- **CLEAN UP** – Always remove your dog waste from the Forest and take it home.

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 it is a criminal offence for a person to be in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in a public place. Penalties include a fine of up to £20,000 or, in cases resulting in injury, up to 5 years in prison.

It is an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 to allow a dog to attack or chase livestock. If a dog is on enclosed land where there are sheep, it must be kept on a lead or otherwise under control. Livestock managers are entitled to shoot any dog found attacking grazing animals.

Byelaw 6 of the Ashdown Forest Act, 1974 states that "no dog shall be allowed upon the Forest unless it is under proper control and restrained from causing annoyance to any person or worrying or disturbing any animal." Any person offending against this Byelaw shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the standard scale.

If you have information about people abusing the Dog Walkers Code of Conduct, please call us on 01342 822846

Commercial dog walkers use the Forest at their own risk.

