



Commercial Dog Training Application Form – 2024-2025

OFFICE USE ONLY:		
Permit No:	Payment method: CHQ no:	Date:

Please complete this form to apply for a commercial licence from the Conservators of Ashdown Forest. Before submitting please ensure that you have read and understand the Terms and Conditions.

All applications are subject to approval. Please email the completed form to conservators@ashdownforest.org

Or post to The Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, RH18 5JP

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

1. Your Details

Company/ business Name:

Applicants Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone number: Email:

Website:

Vehicle registration: (parking cost not included with licence)

2. Timetable, Activity Type

Please provide a detailed timetable setting out the intended days of the week and times when training will take place.

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Please briefly describe your intended type of training :

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3. Application Type

New

Licence will be for a a maximum group of 10

Renewal (Current permit number:)

Annual Charge: **£190.00**

4. Location

Please describe your preferred location(s) on the Forest:

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Nearest Car Park:

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5. Method of Payment - please tick

Payment by BACS : HSBC Sort code: 40 18 39 Account no: 5111 6215
 (Use ref Dogtrain XXXXXXX, where XXXXX is your name.)

Payment by Credit or Debit card, please call the office on 01342 823583 to pay

6. Terms and Conditions

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

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

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Commercial Dog Training Terms and Conditions and Code of Conduct

The Conservators of Ashdown Forest reserve the right to suspend permits for breach of the terms and conditions. Licences should be available to show to the Forest Rangers if they request it.

You will need to provide electronic copies of the following documents for your application to be processed:

1. Evidence of Public Liability Insurance £5m
2. A signed and dated Risk Assessment to cover your sessions including your emergency procedures

When submitting each of the above documents, please ensure that your business name is clearly stated on each document.

A commercial dog training licence permits an individual to run dog training sessions on Ashdown Forest subject to the following conditions:

Your permit should be displayed clearly in your vehicle and must be available when training dogs commercially on the forest.

- Dogs must be on lead or long line at all times during the training session. Dog training is not permitted within the grazing enclosure when the livestock is present except in specific circumstances and with prior written consent from the Conservators of Ashdown forest.
- Dogs must not be allowed to interact with any other Forest users (other than those taking part in the training session) and space should be given to all other Forest users, including horse riders.
- All dog faeces must be bagged and removed from the Forest. If not removed, they can cause serious infections to people and other animals. It also changes the chemistry of Forest soils and spoils the surroundings for other Forest users.
- During bird nesting season (March-September), dogs must be kept on the paths and out of the heathland habitat.
- 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.
- Dogs must not be allowed to chase wildlife or livestock.
- Dogs should not go into any pond, stream or waterway. These are important sites for many species of invertebrates and other wildlife.
- The trainer(s)/ Activity leader(s) must be clearly identifiable (e.g. uniform with logo, high vis vest) and have a visible badge with licence number (which we will provide)
- It is your responsibility as activity leader to ensure that all dogs in your care are suitably vaccinated etc..

Activities *are* permitted on:

- Grassland
- Fire breaks – these are the unmarked tracks across the Forest, cut and maintained to a width of more than 9 metres (30 feet).
- Woodland areas by prior written agreement from the Conservators of Ashdown Forest, and not during bird nesting season.

Equipment:

- No large items of equipment shall be used on the Authority's land.
- Any forest structures including trees and furniture must not be used for as part of the activity.

Forest "No Go" Activities:

The following activities are not to be conducted by Licensee's:

- Amplified music or audio equipment, loud whistles and loud shouting or other intrusive noise-generating activities.
- Unreasonably noisy training activities that interferes with the comfort of other visitors, or behaviour that could be viewed as intimidating by other Forest users.
- Use of objects that mark out an area to imply exclusive use.
- The use of aerial cameras, Drones or multi-rotor aircraft is not permitted.

You may *not* undertake your activity :

- on heathland unless on one of the above fire-breaks or tracks
- on public footpaths or any unmarked narrow track
- on car parks
- on tracks and roads leading to private properties or the fire breaks surrounding private properties
- on recreation grounds or on the Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club courses
- on grazing areas close to livestock (unless with permission , as above)
- on Forest Property for example benches, tables, trees, gates, bridges, signposts, lamp posts etc unless used for their intended purpose.

Please:

- Help protect the Forest by varying your location, by avoiding wet and badly eroded areas, by keeping to the permitted fire breaks and tracks and by keeping out of the sensitive heathland areas.

