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Permit No:	Payment method: CHQ no:	Date:

Commercial Dog Walker Application Form – 2024/25

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

Applicants Name:

Business/ company name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

Vehicle registration:

Website:.....

2. Application type - please tick

Renewal

Permit Number:

New application

Annual Charge £148.45

Total to pay: £

3. Method of Payment - please tick

Payment by BACS: HSBC Sort code: 40 18 39 Account no 5111 6215
(Use ref DOG xxxxxxx, where xxxx is your name)

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 and a copy of the required risk assessment (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 2024

Total paid: £.....

Date paid:.....

Permit number:

Staff initials:.....

To be retained by purchaser as proof of purchase.

Commercial Dog Walkers Terms and Conditions and Dog Walkers 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 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 must be available 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. Dogs must not be allowed to chase livestock or wildlife.
- Dogs must be placed on leads when in close proximity to horse riders and young children.
- All dog faeces must be bagged and removed from the Forest. If not removed it can cause serious infections to people and other animals. It 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 should not go into any pond, stream or waterway. These are important sites for many species of invertebrates and other wildlife.
- The dog walker must be clearly identifiable (e.g uniform, with logo) and have a visible badge with licence number (which we will provide)
- It is your responsibility to ensure that all dogs in your care are suitably vaccinated etc.

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.

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.

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."

Commercial Dog Walkers use the Forest at their own risk