

# Code of Conduct for Professional Dog Walking licence holders

The purpose of the code of conduct is:

1. Ensure considerate use between those undertaking licensed professional multiple dog walking activities in the park and other park users.
2. To protect the parks and their wildlife.
3. To ensure access to and use of public open space is preserved for all visitors.
4. To work alongside a licence agreement to ensure that operators are complying with current health and safety regulation and best industry practice for the safety and enjoyment of all.

## The Code

- The licensee shall not have exclusive rights over any area of the Licenced Park and due consideration should be given to members of the general public visiting the Licenced Park.
- Licensee's shall leave the Licenced Park in a clean and tidy condition and be liable for any loss of or damage to any Licenced Park through their direct improper use.
- The Licensee shall abide by the terms and conditions of the licence and relevant legislation in the Licenced Park.
- The Licensee must wear a Licensed Operator identification in a way that is always clearly visible to the public and Park Management representatives and carry photo identification while in the licenced park.
- Every dog while on public land must wear a collar with the name, phone number and address of the owner and /or dog walker inscribed on it or a plate or badge attached to it.
- Ensure you have a lead for each of your dogs.
- The Licensee shall not walk with other Professional Dog Walkers in the Licenced Park. If walking with a dog owner or a prospective client in the Licenced Park the total number of dogs must not exceed 6.

- Ensure pre-screening of dogs being walked, to ensure you have control of them at all times.
- Remove all dog waste that arises from the dogs you are walking by placing it in a tightly sealed bag and taken home or deposited in the general waste bins.
- Be considerate about where you allow your dogs to urinate, when entering parks, especially where the entrance is adjacent to residential areas.
- Do not display aggressive, intimidating or unruly behaviours that interfere with the comfort of other visitors.
- Do not apply corporal punishment towards any dogs.
- Ensure the dogs you are walking do not threaten or interfere with wildlife or the enjoyment of other park users. Do not permit your dog to chase, injure or kill any form of wildlife.
- As a licence holder you agree to abide by these guidelines in the Licenced Park at all times. Noncompliance to the Code of Conduct may result in restrictions being placed on the licences or the withdrawal of the licence.