

Pack Walk Rules



The following rules are in place to ensure that both you and your dog get the most out of Pack Walk provided by George the Dog trainer. By participating in the Pack Walk, you are agreeing to follow the rules outlined below.

- **Rule 1** – Do not let your dogs meet face to face until you know they have a great relationship! (You wouldn't hug a stranger! Don't force your dogs to do so!)
 - Be aware of other dogs and please give you dogs that seem uncomfortable space. Space is your best way of making sure that both those who are too rowdy, too nervous, or too overwhelmed do not affect those around them or make their own situation worse.
 - Drive-by sniffing is the way to go. Let dogs walk by and sniff but never stop. Imagine if every person you walked by required you to stop and talk about your life goals. That's annoying. Let the dogs do the same. Quick sniff but never stopping.
 - If you ever unsure on how an interaction will go, always ask a staff member! We are here for you and your dogs. Not asking the staff for help and making a situation worse just stresses everyone out. Our staff are more than just a pretty face.
 - All reactive or insecure dogs **MUST BE OVERSEEN BY STAFF**. We are qualified professionals and to ensure both your security, the security of others and the security of the dogs, the dog must be worked with and monitored by a staff member. This is to ensure reactivity is kept to a minimum and your dog gets the most out of this service.

- **Rule 2** – Bring Proper Gear! Come ready for the walk and ready to work!
 - **This means** - 6 foot leash, closed toe shoes, poop bags, comfortable clothing, high value treats, and the harness/collar that fits best for your dog.
 - **This does not mean** – A retractable leash, flip-flops, clothes you do not want to get dirty, distractions that will prevent you from listening to staff, or a bad attitude.
 - **You need to be able to restrain your dog at all times**. Extra tools and training are available if you need help. Some dogs may be recommended or required to attend training prior to the pack walk.

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- **Rule 3** – Respect the Civilians and please move out of their way

- Due to the Pack walk taking place at a public park, there will be people that are there to use the park and not there to interact with the dogs as they may not be dog lovers or, in some cases, scared of dogs. As such, please pick up all dog waste, make sure your dog is quiet and polite, and please do not approach anyone without being asked or them asking you. The more positive interactions the community has with these activities, the more they will support dog socialization endeavors.

- **Rule 4** – One handler per dog! (Unless specifically approved and overseen by George or staff)

- Due to the amount of work that is required during these Pack Walks, consistency is key. Handing the dog off between you and another handler may decrease the progress you are making due to conflicting cues or conflicting understanding of the correct techniques. To avoid this, we request that only one handler per dog be present.

I have read the above rules and understand.

Signature: _____ Date: _____