

Boarding Procedures:

Enrichment Plan:

All dogs will be checked daily and groomed if necessary, or as the owner has requested. The dogs get social interaction by welcoming friends into our home, as well as meeting other dogs whilst on a walk. I take the dogs out for a 20-minute walk in the morning, then again in the afternoon to the beach/forest/clay trails for an hour or 2. For dogs that are elderly or unable to exercise outside we have an Enrichment Plan in place including Lick Mats, find the treat game and a paddling pool in the summer.

Meet and Greet Policy:

All potential new boarders will have a meet and greet within my home so as the owners can see where their dogs will be staying, and to meet my 2 dogs. If their stay is to be longer than 3 nights, we require an overnight trial. I also provide the option of having another meet and greet outside on a walk.

Protection from Pain, Suffering, injury and Disease Policy:

Feeding Regimes:

All dogs will be fed separately to avoid an altercation, raw food is kept in its own designated draw in the freezer, treats are kept in a sealed treat jar, each dog has its own labelled food container and is fed as per their owners instructions.

Cleaning Regimes:

All surfaces, including the floors, are cleaned with an antibacterial cleaner, dog bowls are wiped with antibacterial cleaner then put in the dishwasher. All toys will be disinfected after each boarder, as well as dog beds and blankets washed. My car is wiped out with antibacterial cleaner after each boarder.

Transportation:

My car is an estate with a dog guard for the boot and clip in seatbelts for any dogs who prefer being on the back seat.

The prevention of, and control of the spread of disease:

All boarders are to be fully vaccinated as well as been wormed and had flea treatment, this is confirmed on the Boarding Contract before the visit. If I notice that a dog has fleas when I do the meet and greet, I will require the dog to be treated before boarding with us. If I notice that a dog that is already staying with us has a parasite, I will treat it if confirmed by the owner on the Boarding Contract. The owner/ emergency contact will be notified.

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Monitoring and ensuring the health and welfare of animals:

I check all dogs daily for ticks or parasites, and treat as necessary, if confirmed by the owner on the consent form. The owner/ emergency contact will be notified.

I also brush the dogs if muddy or just need/ like a brush, checking for matted hair, wiping weepy eyes or any other issues. I have a thermometer in each of the designated room to ensure they are between 5c- 25c. Whilst boarding with us we will be recording daily on our Boarding Record.

The death or Escape of an animal:

In the unfortunate instance that a dog that is boarding with me dies, I would contact the owner/ emergency contact and take the carcasses to their designated vet.

If a dog escapes, I will obviously go looking for it, contact my local vet (Pelyn Vets, 8Kings Avenue, PL25 4TT, 01726 68177)/ rspca/ dog warden (0300 1234 212) and also contact the owner/ emergency contact.

Emergency Plan.

If I had my licence revoked or in an emergency situation, I would contact the owner/ emergency contact and ask them to come and fetch their dog, then in the meantime my neighbour or my best friend who would be able to look after the dogs.

If I had to isolate a dog, I would be keeping the dog in the top bedroom which has a large bed for the dog, natural light and is well ventilated. Then take to the vet, depending on the illness of the dog I have PPE in place in needed. All areas and equipment will be disinfected.

In the case of extreme heat I have a shaded area in the garden for the dogs, a paddling pool, lots of water bowls around the house and outside. In the case of extreme cold I have gas central heating which is on at various times to ensure the temperature is within the guidelines. In the case of a flood or fire we are able to evacuate to either my neighbour or my best friend.

Preventative Healthcare Plan:

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