

CARING FOR PEOPLE GROUP - ARGYLL AND BUTE  
LOOKING AFTER PEOPLE AFFECTED BY  
**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**



**VOLUNTEER TIPS:  
DOG WALKING**



Primarily, you should advise those using the service that volunteers will not have the same training & insurance as fully registered dog walkers.



All owners recognise that they should share all relevant information regarding the **dogs temperament and behaviours**.

Below are pointers for mitigating the risk of transferring the COVID-19 virus from or to a house that is completely self-isolating.

**YOUR SAFETY AND LIMITING THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS IS PRIORITY.  
DON'T PUT YOURSELF OR OTHERS AT UNNECESSARY RISK.**



Organise a suitable time & length of walk, ensuring the owner is aware of an expected return time.



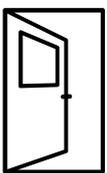
Volunteers should take their own dog lead and wear gloves when handling any dog coats or collars.



Maintain at least two metres distance between yourself and others (including co-volunteers, dog owners and other dog walkers you pass).



**Do not enter houses to collect dogs.** Ensure any gates are shut before asking the owner to bring the dog out to you. Keeping a 2m distance, the dog walker should clip their lead on, and then the owner should disconnect their lead.



The same careful procedure for collecting the dog, should be enacted in reverse to return a dog; ensure all gates are shut, before unclipping the dog outside the house, and the owner should call them in.



Having returned the dog, sanitise the dog lead fully, and your hands, before returning home, or moving on to another dog walk.



If you have been outside your home volunteering, shower with warm soapy water and wash your hair when you get home. Wash clothes. Clean door handles and anything you may have touched on entry to your home with disinfectant wipes. Having washed your hands, go back out to your car and use disinfectant wipes to clean your car handles, steering wheel, handbrake and gear stick if you drove home.

Source: Based upon guidance published by the UK Government, Scottish Government and Engage Renfrewshire.

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