



Dog Walking - Activity Risk Assessment

Activity: Dog Walking

Date of first risk assessment: March 2024 & March 25

Location: Hemingford Grey and Abbots villages

Time/frequency: As requested

Name of leader with responsibility: Hub Trustees

Date to be reviewed: March 2026

Dogs must be microchipped, vaccinated, well behaved, appropriate size for dog walker. NB: dogs are not covered by HH insurance.

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Action by whom?	Annual Review by whom	Date of review
Injury during activity	Volunteers and members of the public Strains, bruises, slips, trips falls, fatal injury	Ensure dog being walked is well behaved and walks properly on a lead Only one dog to be walked at a time Ensure proper collar and lead are used No under 18s to be permitted to walk dogs All accidents to be reported to trustees and logged in accident record book	Review regularly	Trustees of Hemingford Hub		

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Health and safety	Volunteers and owners Strains, bruises, slips, trips falls, fatal injury Drowning if near river Accidents with traffic if near a road	Only walk dogs in well lit areas and keep dog on lead at all times In poor daylight wear light coloured or high visibility clothing. Ascertain how long to be out and let owner know where you will be walking Only give treats with owner's permission Owner to contact Hub if dog walker late back	Review regularly	Trustees of H'ford Hub	On going	
Safeguarding	Vulnerable adults at risk of abuse	Volunteers to report any safeguarding concerns about dog owner to trustees whilst maintaining confidentiality No children under 18 to dog walk No children to accompany adults on dog walk	Ensure relevant safeguarding training is carried out and up to date	Trustees and volunteers	On going	

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Dog attacks	Volunteers, dog and other pedestrians Injury or fatality	Dogs to be kept on lead at all times. Dynamic risk assessment of other dogs in the area and move away if necessary If dog becomes involved in confrontation volunteer should not intervene but call for help If dog runs away volunteer should report to owner and trustees for immediate assistance	Review processes regularly	Trustees	On going	
Dog Fouling	General public, volunteers	Carry poo bags and clear up any fouling immediately Dispose of in appropriate bins located around the villages	Review process regularly	Trustees	On going	
Transport	Volunteers and dogs	Dogs are only to be walked from home and back to home No dog is to be carried by car	Review processes regularly	Trustees and volunteers	On going	



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Traffic Hazards	Volunteers, general public, dog Injury, fatality for road traffic accident	All dogs to be on standard leads All dogs to be walked on footpaths along roads and car parks Volunteers to wear suitable clothing in order to maintain visibility Volunteers to be aware of electric vehicles that may have quiet engines	Review processes regularly	Trustees and volunteers	On going	

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Health and Safety - all dog walking volunteers must carry a mobile phone and walk a pre-arranged route, agreed with the dog owner prior to the dog walk. Dogs should be walked away from live stock and in areas with fewer distractions. Dog walkers should carry water with them. Dog walkers should report any incidents to the owner and a trustee so it can be recorded in the accident/incident book.

HemingfordHub has a legal duty of care to identify potential risks and hazards associated with all HemingfordHub and Hub Club activities. It is our legal duty to identify potential risks and hazards associated with our activities and take steps to mitigate and eliminate those risks. It is also a requirement of our insurance that we have risk assessed all our activities and made every effort to ensure our volunteers have read and understood the hazards and risks associated with our activities and their role as a volunteer. As such please read and sign this risk assessment to show you understand your health and safety responsibilities.

HemingfordHub Trustees – April 2025

Volunteer Name.....

I have read and understand this Risk Assessment

Volunteer Signature..... Date.....