Dog Sickness Allergy

Health Assessment:

• Dogs will be briefly assessed by a member of staff before the beginning of their service to ensure they are fit for the activity. Signs may include lethargy, vomiting, diarrhoea, coughing, sneezing, or any other abnormal behaviour.

Communication:

- Owners are required to inform us of any pre-existing health conditions or medications their dog may be on.
- Dogs must not attend any services if they have had sickness or diarrhoea in the last 48 hours.
- If a dog shows signs of illness or discomfort during a walk, our staff will notify the owner immediately.

Emergency Response:

- In the event of a medical emergency or severe illness, immediate veterinary attention will be sought.
- Owners will be contacted to inform them of the situation and to obtain consent for veterinary treatment.

Cleaning and Disinfection:

- Any areas or equipment that have been in contact with a sick dog will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected to prevent cross-contamination.
- We adhere to strict hygiene protocols to minimise the risk of spreading illness among dogs in our care.

Exclusion Period:

- Dogs that have been ill must be symptom-free for a minimum period of 48 hours before they can resume services with us to ensure they are no longer contagious.
- If veterinary advice was given, we will follow the advice given.

Documentation:

 Records of any illnesses or health-related incidents involving dogs in our care will be documented for future reference and to monitor trends.

Client Communication:

• We will keep owners informed about any health-related incidents involving their dogs and provide updates on their recovery progress.

Preventative Measures:

• We encourage owners to keep their dogs up-to-date on vaccinations and parasite control to minimise the risk of illness.

• Dogs exhibiting signs of illness should refrain from participating in group activities until they have fully recovered to prevent the spread of infection.

Review and Revision:

• This Dog Sickness Policy will be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary to ensure it remains effective and aligned with best practices for maintaining the health and well-being of dogs in our care.

By implementing this Dog Sickness Policy, we aim to prioritize the health and safety of all dogs entrusted to our care and minimize the risk of illness transmission within our facility.