



# Commercial Dog Walker Application Form – 2017/18

OFFICE USE ONLY:		
Permit No:	Payment method: CHQ no:	Date:

Please send the completed form to:  
The Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, RH18 5JP or email conservators @ashdownforest.org

If you have any enquires, contact our office on 01342 823583

**1. Your details**

First name: ..... Last name: .....

Trading name:.....

Address:.....  
..... Postcode: .....

Telephone number: ..... Email:.....

Vehicle registration: .....

**2. Application type** - please tick

Renewal  Permit Number:.....

New application

**Annual charge – from 1 April 2017: £100**

Total to pay: £.....

**3. Method of Payment** - please tick

Payment by cheque made payable to The Conservators of Ashdown Forest

Payment by cash

Payment by Credit or Debit card

Card number:

Expiry Date: (mm/yy)   /   Security code:    (3 digit number on the back of the card)

**4. Terms and conditions**

I enclose a copy of the current certificate of insurance – with a minimum of £5 million third party public liability (please tick)

I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the licence and the Dog Walkers Code of Conduct – detailed overleaf (please tick)

Signed:..... Date:.....

**STAFF TO COMPLETE**

**Annual commercial dog walker licence – from 1 April 2017**

Total paid: £..... Date paid:.....

Permit number: ..... Staff initials:.....

**To be retained by purchaser as proof of purchase.**

## CONDITIONS OF LICENCE AND DOG WALKERS CODE OF CONDUCT

A commercial dog walking licence permits an individual to exercise up to six dogs at any one time on Ashdown Forest subject to the following conditions:

- Dogs must be under effective control at all times and placed on leads when in the grazing area or in close proximity of grazing sheep on other parts of Ashdown Forest.
- Dogs must be placed on leads when in close proximity to horse riders and young children.
- Dog faeces should be bagged and removed from the Forest when deposits are made within 200 yards of Forest car parks on picnic areas and Forest paths
- The duty Ranger should be informed immediately if a dog escapes from control by calling 01342 822846
- No wheeled vehicle may be taken out of the car park onto Ashdown Forest.
- Public Liability insurance copy must be provided for the Conservators' records.
- Dogs should be fully vaccinated and wormed.

Well behaved dogs are welcome on the Forest but please remember the 4 'Cs':

- CONTROL – Always ensure that your dog is in sight and comes back when called. If you are not totally confident of your dog's recall, use a lead.
- CARE FOR FARM ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE – Never let your dog approach or chase livestock or wildlife.
- CONSIDER OTHERS – Never let your pet approach other people, dogs or horses uninvited.
- CLEAN UP – Always remove your dog waste from pathways and take it home.

Under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 it is a criminal offence for a person to be in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in a public place. Penalties include a fine of up to £20,000 or, in cases resulting in injury, up to 5 years in prison.

It is an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 to allow a dog to attack or chase livestock. If a dog is on enclosed land where there are sheep, it must be kept on a lead or otherwise under control. Livestock managers are entitled to shoot any dog found attacking grazing animals.

Byelaw 6 of the Ashdown Forest Act, 1974 states that "no dog shall be allowed upon the Forest unless it is under proper control and restrained from causing annoyance to any person or worrying or disturbing any animal." Any person offending against this Byelaw shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the standard scale.

If you have information about people abusing the Dog Walkers Code of Conduct please call us on 01342 822846

Commercial dog walkers use the Forest at their own risk.