



Kate's K9's Dog Walking **Safety Policy**

We want to ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep ourselves and any dogs in our care safe. Therefore, I have created this policy for us all to follow, give clients some peace of mind and to keep any risk to an absolute minimum.

What we currently do:

- We walk the maximum of four well matched dogs at a time (we may occasionally add our resident dog if we feel it's appropriate)
- Walk locations are carefully selected
- We vary walking routes, where possible
- Dogs are never be left unattended in vehicles and when collecting other dogs will ensure the vehicles are in sight
- We do not let dogs off leads unless we are 100% confident in their recall and we are in a safe environment
- We are in contact with other local dog walkers so we can support each other in case of an emergency

Additional measures we are adding:

- We will no longer share locations of our walks on our social media
- We will no longer be sharing dogs' names on the social media posts
- We will now be carrying personal alarms with us on walks
- The van is now fitted with a dash camera for extra peace of mind and will be fitted with a GPS tracking device.

What you can do:

- Make sure your dog is microchipped and details are up to date
- Ensure your dog has an identity tag
- If your dog does tend to wander a bit further away possibly invest in a tracker or use a longline
- Practice recall so that its 100% even with distractions - I have written a blog on how to do this <https://www.katesk9s.co.uk/post/why-won-t-my-dog-come-back-to-me-recall-the-dog-listening-way>
- Keep blinds or curtains closed when you are out
- Possibly invest in a dog camera for your home
- Keep social media accounts private or don't tag your locations on social media with your dog.

If we all err on the side caution then we can ensure we keep our beautiful doggies safe and have lovely stress-free walks.