

Students in Dog Walking Practical

MEETING SPOT

UBC Endowment Lands. Location will vary depending on park conditions. You will be supplied the location of the meeting spot prior to the date of your practical. All locations will be easily accessible by public transit and have available parking. There are public washrooms in the park and time will be available to use these throughout the practical. (In the event of rain you may be notified by email or telephone to meet at alternate location. Please check emails prior to departing for class on the morning of the practical for updates)

SKILL/TECHNIQUE TRAINING

This practical provides an excellent opportunity for students to practice a range of relevant professional skills, including: managing unfamiliar dog introductions; reading and interpreting dog behaviours while on walks; learning to handle multiple dogs at one, while on leash; interviewing techniques (medical and behavioural) with owner on unfamiliar dogs.

REQUIREMENTS:

The success of this practical relies on students being able to bring dogs along with them. The more dogs we have, the better a learning experience it is for all. Please plan now how to bring at least one dog with you to the practical, either your own or a dog that belongs to someone you know well.

Please consider:

- Physical fitness: we are outdoors light rain or shine, walking for approximately 3.5 hours on flat paths. The walking rate varies from slow to moderate, so please ensure that the dog you bring is physically up to this.
- Physical health: ensure that the dog is up to date with its vaccinations, and suffering from no transmissible diseases. Bitches in heat should be left at home.
- Personality of the dogs: a variety of personality types breeds and sizes of dogs makes for some interesting learning opportunities in this practical. With this in mind, the welfare of the dogs and the safety of all those present is of utmost importance. If you cannot manage your dog and prevent them from lunging and attempting to bite others, then please leave them at home. Otherwise, shy, rambunctious, playful, ball-obsessed, leash-pullers and well-behaved dogs are all welcome.
- Leash: Ensure that your dog is securely leashed, with a leash no longer than 10 feet. Choke chains and prong collars are strongly discouraged. If your dog is designated as aggressive in a Municipality, or one of your dogs behaves unpredictably aggressive around other dogs or people, then please do not bring these dogs with you for this session. Ensure that your dog is securely leashed at all times unless requested otherwise.
- Please leave your dog in your vehicle and wait for instructions from your instructor regarding bringing your dog out to greet the other dogs.
- Weather and supplies: Please prepare yourself and your dog for all variations of weather. Consider also bringing treats, a rain jacket for your dog and a towel, if appropriate. Ensure that you are wearing runners or comfortable shoes. Please bring water and poop bags for your dogs, and ensure that they are wearing a current ID/license. Have their veterinarian's contact details on hand.
- Informed Consent: If you have not already done so, please bring your signed Informed Consent to give to your instructor. This is mandatory if you wish to participate. You may find a copy of this on the website as well as on Brightspace.

EMERGENCIES:

In the case of emergency, your instructor can be reached via email at info@pet-welfare.com. She will be able to check her emails from her phone the morning before class starts