



Policy regarding dogs on walks

In line with the Ramblers Organisation it is a Walk Leader's decision as to whether dogs (pet dogs and/or assistance dogs) are permitted on any walk they are to lead.

A Walk Leader will make their decision following the pre-walk recce and risk assessment they have undertaken which is based on such things as location, pathways terrain, stiles and livestock.

Where pet dogs and/or assistance dogs are permitted the walk leader will include a note within the detailed description walk to highlight this.

It is recognised that Walk Leaders may not permit pet dogs on a walk and it is expected that walkers respect their decision.

Wherever possible, the needs of walkers requiring a trained assistance dog will be considered and the dog owner will need to contact the Walk Leader prior to the walk to discuss their individual needs.

When dogs are permitted on walks, dog owners will be expected to adhere to the Ramblers advice and the England and Wales statutory Countryside Code. This is available to view on the Ramblers website <https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking-hub/countryside-code>

England and Wales statutory Countryside Code has not been copied here to ensure dog owners can view the most up to date code at all times via the link above.

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