



Mick's Mutts Dog Walking Services Pack / Group Walk Policy

Here at **Mick's Mutts Dog Walking Services**, I do not walk dogs in large packs. This is due to safety and minimizing any risks to the dogs, myself, and the public.

My main priority here at **Mick's Mutts Dog Walking Services** is safety and under no circumstances will I walk your dog in a large pack. The maximum number of dogs I walk together is 4 (four). The number permitted by my insurance is 6 (six) and set out in the policy. I am not covered to walk more than 6 (six) dogs at one given time.

I understand that dogs love to socialise and how beneficial it is for them, that's why I am confident that the policy of no more than 4 (four) dogs are perfect for your dog's benefit.

Here at **Mick's Mutts Dog Walking Services**, I need to think about the safety of myself, the dogs I walk, the dogs I encounter when I am out and the general public. Pack walks can be intimidating for other dog walkers especially if their dog is of a nervous disposition and I need to keep this in mind. There is also the risk of transmitting disease and illness quickly amongst the dogs no matter how careful I may be.

When there is a large group walk there is more likely to be bullying and intimidation within the group. Smaller dogs may feel threatened therefore they will not enjoy their walk, and this is not what I want. When walking in large groups some dogs may develop a feeling of hostility or even fear toward new unfamiliar dogs rather than acquiring new friends. Here at **Mick's Mutts Dog Walking Services**, I want every dog to look forward to their walks and enjoy every second with their friends and I.

I also must think very carefully about how we would deal with a fight if one broke out. It's common sense that a large pack of dogs would be very hard for one person to handle and again relays why I do not walk in large groups. It's important to realise that dogs cannot be expected to get along all the time, so I have at **Mick's Mutts** this policy of a maximum of 4 (four) dogs so that everyone is safe and having the best time on their walks.