

General Management Plan

Cumbria Canine Park

Location: Beck Green, Distington, Cumbria

Use: Private Secure Dog Exercise Facility

1. Purpose of the Facility

Cumbria Canine Park provides a secure enclosed area where dog owners can exercise, train and socialise their dogs in a safe environment away from public highways, livestock in a secure environment.

2. Site Management

The site owner is responsible for operation, maintenance, inspections, waste management, health and safety, customer bookings and responding to complaints. We will keep records of inspections, maintenance, and incidents.

3. Opening Hours

Proposed operating hours are 7am-8pm during summer, due to the lighter mornings and nights.

With the last booking of the day being shorter (30 minutes).

This would mean all use and traffic would cease by 8:30pm.

Then it would be between the hours of 08:00–18:00 during winter, subject to seasonal adjustment. The earlier it gets darker, the sooner we would cease taking bookings.

4. Booking System

The park operates on a pre-booked basis. No public use is permitted or will it ever be.

Customers must agree to site rules and terms before use.

All details of owners, dogs and vehicles recorded for safety and security purposes.

5. Dog Welfare

Dogs must always remain under the control of their owners.

Owners are responsible for supervising their dogs and reporting any incidents.

These incidents must be reported immediately. All details for contacting management will be on the noticeboard at the entrance, and on the website also.

6. Fencing and Security

The perimeter is enclosed by secure 1.8m fencing and gates.

Daily inspections will be undertaken and repairs completed immediately before another booking is taken.

7. Grounds Maintenance

Grass cutting-We have purchased a ride on mower to ensure grass is kept to a standard height for safety and visual appeal.

Vegetation management, equipment inspections, and general site upkeep will be conducted regularly.

8. Waste Management

Users must clean up after their dogs. Dog waste bins are provided, and these will be emptied daily into the main waste bin.

This larger bin has a levered seal to always remain closed. I have contracted a professional waste removal company.

They will remove the current bin every week and replace it with a fresh one.

They arrive in a small flat bed at my request so that no large vehicles access the site regularly.

9. Vehicle Access and Parking

There will only ever be two cars on site. The car is currently using the site, and the next visitor is waiting to use it.

We have factored in a time buffer between each booking to ensure no crossover and issues entering or exiting.

Visitors will enter through the main road leading to the site, and exit using the smaller road to the left to minimize traffic as much as possible.

This will be in the terms and conditions that the visitors agree to and will be clearly signposted.

Any utility works would contact the landowner as per procedure-Full and total access would be given until any work or inspections have concluded.

10. Noise Management

Users are expected to behave responsibly and minimize disturbance to neighboring properties.

The number of dogs is capped at 3, but these MUST be from the same household.

There will be no large groups of dogs running around, this cannot be controlled safely, and this would also help to reduce any possible noise.

11. Health and Safety

Routine inspections will be conducted. A first aid kit and emergency contact information will be available. These will be posted on the noticeboard at the entrance to the park.

12. Flood and Severe Weather Management

The site may be closed during severe weather, flooding, or unsafe conditions.

We have contracted Unda consulting who have undertaken a flood risk assessment.

We have a flood evacuation plan in place and have signed up to receive the government flood warnings alerts. We would act on these according to their advice and common sense.

13. Environmental Management

The facility will promote biodiversity, protect wildlife, and minimize environmental impacts.

14. Complaints Procedure

Complaints will be recorded, investigated, and responded to as soon as they arise. All complaints can be submitted using the information on the website and on the noticeboard.

15. Review of Management Plan

We will review this management plan every 6 months or following any significant changes to the site.