FINCHLEY DOG WALKER

Meet-and-Greet Checklist

Prepare the essentials before your first walk, visit or overnight stay.

YOUR PET AND THEIR ROUTINE

Pet names, ages and species:

- [ ] I have written down feeding times, portions and dietary restrictions.
- [ ] I can explain walks, toilet routines, litter care and normal rest times.
- [ ] I have shared any medical needs, medication and current vet advice.
- [ ] I have mentioned any recent changes in behaviour or health.

FEARS, SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

- [ ] I have explained known triggers, bite concerns, guarding and escape history.
- [ ] The walker can see the correct harness, lead and other agreed equipment.
- [ ] I have explained safe routes, places to avoid and off-lead permissions.
- [ ] I can show how doors, gates and separation arrangements work.

PREFERENCES: PLAY, ENRICHMENT AND REST

- [ ] I know which food rewards and toys are suitable and which to avoid.
- [ ] I can describe favourite games, sniffing activities or quiet routines.
- [ ] I have explained what my pet does when they need a break or more space.
- [ ] I will not insist on greetings, cuddles, tricks or play during the visit.

WHO TO CONTACT

Registered vet and daytime telephone number:

Emergency contact (name and number):

Keep sensitive access details separate and share them securely with your sitter.

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Useful questions and decisions to make with your chosen pet-care professional.

DISCUSS BEFORE BOOKING

- [ ] What is included in the agreed service, and what does it cost?
- [ ] Who will provide care, and how will I receive updates?
- [ ] How are keys, alarms and access instructions handled securely?
- [ ] What is the plan if the carer is unavailable or weather makes a walk unsafe?
- [ ] What should happen if my pet becomes ill or needs urgent veterinary care?
- [ ] Have we discussed cameras, other visitors and privacy in the home?
- [ ] Are the care instructions, insurance and booking terms understood?

FOR HOUSE SITTING OR MULTI-PET HOMES

- [ ] We have agreed how long my pets can safely be left during the day.
- [ ] We have discussed sleeping arrangements and each pet's established routine.
- [ ] We have agreed any separation, feeding or resource-management arrangements.
- [ ] The sitter knows about household hazards and agreed simple home tasks.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- [ ] We have agreed whether further introductions are needed.
- [ ] I understand that an enquiry or introduction is not a confirmed booking.
- [ ] I know which forms, instructions and payments are needed before care starts.

Agreed first service date or further introduction:

One important detail to follow up:

This is a personal preparation checklist, not an emergency treatment authority or a substitute for the care provider's formal agreement and intake forms.