



TONBRIDGE HUSKY & MALAMUTE WALKING GROUP & HOUNDS AT HARPERS



Field and Safety Information

Terms & Conditions

Hounds at Harpers runs secure private dog walking fields in Goudhurst, Kent.

Set in a quiet and secluded location and away from the main roads, the fields have been carefully selected to host Tonbridge Husky & Malamute Walking Group's events.

It is perfect for sled-dogs which cannot be let off-leash and need a place to run safely and securely while relaxing and having fun with their own breed.

PLEASE DO NOT CLIMB / PLAY ON THE 'DOG' OBSTACLES.

THE EQUIPMENT IS STRICTLY FOR **CANINE USE ONLY**

DOGS USE THE NATURAL OBSTACLES AT THEIR OWNERS OWN RISK.

PARKING: There is parking adjacent to the fields. An Admin member will guide you to these.

All vehicles parked on the property are left entirely at their owner's risk. THMWG & Hounds at Harpers accept no responsibility for damage, accidents or otherwise, whilst they are on the premises.

FACILITIES: There are no onsite loo facilities available.

REFRESHMENTS: Fresh water is supplied by THMWG for the dog/s and constantly changed during the events.

A Tea station serving hot and cold refreshments and a selection of pastries, cakes etc. is available onsite.

Please keep the field clean and tidy. Please take your litter home with you.

SMOKING / VAPING: Is not permitted anywhere on the Hounds at Harpers premises.

HEALTH & SAFETY: The fields are part of a diverse and beautiful countryside and may include an endless list of hazards such as rabbit holes, trees, uneven and muddy ground, over hanging branches etc. During wet weather the field may be muddy, and boots are advised.

THMWG and Hounds at Harpers will not be held liable for any injury or claim arising from such occurrence. Use of the fields are entirely at the user's own risk.

The field is secured with 6-foot fences and a lockable gate on entrance into Tansy's Field. When the group is running at full capacity the centre gate which separates the two fields (Tansy's & Clover's) will be unlocked and open to allow the dogs to utilise both fields.

The entrance gate at Clover's field will remain locked for the duration of the event.

All reasonable effort has been made to secure the field and regular checks are carried out by the owner to maintain security. A full risk assessment has been carried out by the Admin Team. However, it is still possible but certainly not easy for the most determined to escape from the risk of rabbits or foxes burrowing under the fence which could be a possibility.

If you see damage or an opening, please notify a member of the Admin Team immediately.

Children are welcome on the fields but must be always supervised by an adult (over 18) and not left unattended, this is for their safety and the dog/s too.

Please prevent children from shouting or screaming to respect the other group attendees and the group dogs.

LIABILITY: THMWG and Hounds at Harpers will not be held responsible for loss, theft, injury, damage or accidents sustained to personal property, individuals, or dogs while on the premises although we are on-hand and will administer first-aid to individuals and animals should anything arise.

Harpers Farm is a working farm, please do not stray from the dog fields or footpaths unless accompanied by a member of the Admin Team.

This agreement does not create any rights over the land and the user accepts that the landowner / organisers always maintain control and possession of the field.

DOG FACILITIES: It is a **strict requirement** that you must pick up after your dog/s.

There are poo bags and bins onsite to dispose of your doggie's delights.

Members are asked to keep vigilant during the events and dispose of their waste in the bins provided.

GOLDEN RULE: If you spot poo whether it was your dog/s or not please **BAG IT – BIN IT.**

It is expected that members should perform a final poo check and remaining dog waste cleaned and disposed of within the allocated time slot upon departure.

EVENT START: When not in the secure area all dog/s must be "on-lead" to/from Hounds at Harpers.

Once inside an Admin will take payment per the admission charges.

Payment can be made by cash / card or mobile transaction.

Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance gate.

You will be asked to join an Admin who will be walking the perimeter of the field. Members and their dog/s will be expected to join "on-lead" to keep the dog/s moving until everyone is safely in the field. Once locks are positioned on the gate and made secure an Admin will then call for them to be let off-leash.

Please be punctual, for safety we are unable to unlock the gates once the event has begun. Calmer dog/s makes for a calmer and happier event for all.

If anyone enters the field during the allotted time which arouses suspicion, please contact a member of the Admin Team immediately.

EVENT FINISH: An Admin Member will call for your dog/s to go back on leash before we vacate and will be conducted in a timed and orderly fashion. We will not be held responsible for your dog/s escaping from the field once we have called for them to go back on leash and everyone is checked, we will then unlock the gate where the group must exit the field within the allotted timeframe, so it is vacant for the next user's booking at 12 Noon.

Members must disclose whether their dog/s are:

MALES; Intact:

For safety reasons an Admin member will provide you with a **RED** ribbon to tie around your dog/s collar. Intact males are accepted into the Group with the proviso they remain calm and sociable during their time with us.

Any dog which becomes over playful or displays signs of over dominance an Admin will speak to the owner and will work closely with them while with the group.

Muzzles may be applied to calm the dog/s and **MUST NOT** be removed until advised to do so by a member of the Admin Team.

FEMALES; Intact:

For safety reasons an Admin member will provide you with a **YELLOW** ribbon to tie around your dog/s collar. Intact females are accepted into the Group with the proviso they remain calm and sociable during their time with us.

Any dog which becomes over playful or displays signs of over dominance an Admin will speak to the owner and will work closely with them while with the group.

Muzzles may be applied to calm the dog/s and **MUST NOT** be removed until advised to do so by a member of the Admin Team.

In-Season:

In-Season dog/s **MUST NOT** attend our events.

A three-week grace period is recommended before coming to an event.

If a dog is identified as being In-Season an Admin Member will ask you to leave immediately.

This is for safety as a group of sled-dogs interested in a female in oestrus could cause unintentional damage with each other and we do not want to create a breeding ground for puppies.

PUPPIES; with Mum and Dad:

We love puppies but we also want them to be safe so if Mum and Dad are joining then as long as they are happy for their puppies to join in the fun then that is fine with us.

FAMILY DOGS; non-sled:

This is managed on a case-by-case basis with prior arrangement by the Group Leader and/or member of the Admin Team.

NERVOUS DOGS (first timers):

Please speak to a member of the Admin Team who will be happy to assist you during the event.

VACCINATIONS / WORMING:

Members are asked to have their dog/s fully vaccinated and wormed due to the sharing of water bowls. Under no circumstances are you to bring your dog/s if they are ill or show signs of coughing, diarrhoea, vomiting, general lethargy etc.

Members are asked for their dog/s to wear a suitable collar and harness while in our group.

Should any problems arise during an event, and you are looking for some space for your dog/s, please speak to a member of the Admin Team who will safely let you out of the premises.

DO NOT attempt to unlock the gate yourself as we do not want any escapees.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED OR GIVE TREATS TO YOUR OR OTHER MEMBERS DOGS WHILE ON THE HOUNDS AT HARPERS PREMISES.

MEDICAL TREATMENT: A first aid kit is available on site, come and see an Admin Member.

The nearest Hospital is: -

Pembury Hospital
Tonbridge Road,
Royal Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN2 4QJ

Dial 999 for an emergency.

ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Vets Now Tunbridge Wells
11 Culverden Park Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN4 9RD
Tele: 01892 278486
W: <https://www.vets-now.com/>

GENERAL

Tonbridge Husky & Malamute Walking Group reserves the right to cancel events at short notice.

Members are advised through our Facebook and WhatsApp feeds.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thmwg>

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JjxMG7Tsf39E6RukjulsUK>

The links can be found on our website <https://www.tonbridgehuskymalamutewalkinggroup.co.uk/>

Members should regularly check our social media pages for any cancellations prior to traveling on a Sunday.

Event payments are made on the day, so no refunds are necessary.

We agree to provide the services stated in this agreement in a reliable, caring and trustworthy manner. In consideration of these services and as an express condition thereof, the user expressly waives and relinquishes any and all claims against THMWG and Hounds at Harpers.

We look forward to seeing you at our events and hope you enjoy your time with us.

Thank you, your friendly Admin Team

