



Information Sheet

Waggy Tails Dog Walking & Pet Feeding Service

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Exercise is the most important thing you can do for your dog.

Firstly, it keeps them healthy.

An exercised dog is a more relaxed and calm dog, and is less likely to be destructive and aggressive.

They are much easier to train when they have exercised and are calm.

A dog needs at the very least a 30 minute walk every day.

We see this in our own dogs (Springer spaniels). They get 2 walks a day in all weathers, Because of this they are calm, obedient and a joy to live with.

It is a well-known fact, that most problems that dogs have i.e. aggression, destructive, disobedience etc, is through lack of regular exercise.

If you work long hours and come home late and tired, the last thing you want to do is walk the dog. This is where we at “Waggy Tails” can help you.

We can come to your house and collect your dog(s) and take them for a wonderful 45-minute forest walk, where they can enjoy themselves, have a fun time and interact and socialize with other dogs. We then bring them back to your home tired relaxed, happy and content.

Do you go away for holidays, short breaks or just for the day? Do you worry about leaving your pets?

We can come to your house and feed your pet, and if you wish also take dogs for a walk.

Do you worry about giving your house key to strangers and letting them into you house?

We are police checked and have full CRB certificates.

Do we have insurance?

Yes, we are insured with Cliverton. Cover includes: Public Liability, Care Custody and Control, Collection and delivery, and Loss of keys / replacement locks cover.”

What experience qualifications do we have?

We have owned dogs for 30 years, and dog ownership is a way of life for us. Qualifications are a diploma in canine psychology. Animal first aid certificates.

Will you take our dogs to the vet if it gets injured or becomes ill?

Yes. But you have to give us written permission. In all cases we will always try to contact you (the owner) in the first instance, but if time is of the essence (real emergency) we will take the animal to the vets and then contact you.

Other general information

It is **very important** to socialize your new puppy from a young age. Take him/her out with you in a small rucksack so your puppy gets used to new sounds and smells and meeting different people. It is safe to do this providing your puppy doesn't actually walk on the ground and doesn't come in to physical contact with other dogs.

Once your puppy has had all its vaccinations and it is safe to do so (your vet will let you know when that is) take your puppy out on walks to get him/her used to other dogs and to learn how to interact and socialize. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.**

Go to obedience classes as soon as all the vaccinations are done.

Many problems that dogs have, can be avoided by socializing them from an early age, obedience classes and plenty of exercise (daily if possible) and a good diet.

Regularly touch your dog all over its body from the moment you get him / her, so that it gets used to being handled, so that if you ever need to administer first aid the dog doesn't mind being touched.

Dog treats

Here are some dog treats you can make

Liver Cake

1kg liver
2 mugs of semolina or rice flour or potato flour
2 eggs

Blast in the processor and bake in a tray until really firm and dry.

When cool cut into tiny squares.

Garlic Bites for Dogs

1-cup flour
4-6 cloves garlic
1/4-cup hot water
1/8 cup chopped nuts or seeds
1 tbs. vegetable oil
1 egg, beaten
Dry milk powder

Mix all ingredients in bowl (or food processor) and add enough milk powder to make firm dough. Roll out dough to thin sheet, put flour on sheet and cut dough with cookie cutter of your choice. Place on oiled cookie sheet. Bake at 300F for about 45 minutes, for hard lightly toasted biscuits. Let sit in turned off oven to finish drying if you like.

Cheese N Garlic Bites

1-cup wheat flour
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1-tablespoon garlic powder (not garlic salt!)
1-tablespoon soft butter or margarine
1/2-cup milk

Mix flour and cheese together. Add garlic powder and softened butter. Slowly add milk till you form a stiff dough. You may not need all of the milk. Knead on floured board for a few minutes.

Roll out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into shapes and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 350 degrees oven for 15 minutes. Let cool in oven with the door slightly open till cold and firm. Refrigerate to keep fresh.

Veggie Bones

**3 cups minced parsley
1/4 cup carrots, chopped very fine
1/4 cup shredded mozzarella or Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 3/4 cups whole-wheat flour
2 tablespoons bran
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 to 1 cup of water**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, rack on middle level. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

Stir together parsley, carrots, cheese, and oil. Combine all the dry ingredients and add to veggies. Gradually add 1/2 cup of water, mixing well. Make a moist but not wet dough. If needed, add a little more water. Knead for one minute.

Roll dough out to 1/2-inch thickness. Using cookie cutter or a glass, cut out the shapes and transfer them to the baking sheet. Gather the scraps and re roll and cut.

Bake for 20-30 minutes until biscuits have browned and hardened slightly. (They will harden more as they cool.) Speed cooling by placing them on wire racks. Store in airtight tin.

If dog has gluten problems then use potato flour

Sardine loaf

I use the small tins of sardines available at Sainsbury or Tesco, cant remember the size though but they are about 50p a tin, drain the brine, or buy the ones in oil

80gms flour, I use either s/r or plain

An Egg

a sprinkling of garlic powder or granules (NOT garlic salt)

Put the sardines, garlic powder and egg in a bowl, mix with a spoon. Then add the flour gradually until it all binds together (add less or more flour as you need).

Put into a microwave able dish and microwave for up to 10 mins (please keep an eye on this as I have had some cook alot more quickly than others in the microwave) Turnout and allow to cool before cutting into small training chunks

You can also use tuna in this if you want, but sardines do make for the smellier treat which my lot seem to appreciate more for some strange reason.

Kongs

Another way to keep your dog occupied and keep boredom at bay is to fill a Kong with table scraps etc and put it in the freezer.

A large Kong will keep your dog occupied for anything up to a couple of hours.

Many dogs love them stuffed with Marmite toast.

Whatever you put into your Kong remember to completely stuff it full.

Kongs are available in various sizes from most pet stores.