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Dog Walking while in Quarantine

We've had a few people contact the Veterinary Service about the rules for owners quarantining with dogs. While there is nothing currently in the UK regulations on this subject, please read below the best practice to follow;

Owner and dog walker must remain 2 metres apart from one another during handover; ensure all other pets are shut away in the house so they don't come into contact with the dog walker. A sensible precaution would also be for the owner and dog walker to wear a mask while collecting and dropping off the dog.

Give the person that will be responsible for walking your dog while you are in quarantine a clean lead and collar before you go away so they are ready for your return OR they can use their own separate equipment that has not come from your house.

When your dog walker comes to collect your dog, let your dog out into the garden without their original collar. There should be little to no fussing over the dog by either the owner or the person walking the dog to stop the dog acting as a fomite (objects or materials which are likely to carry infection) apart from the walker applying the dog's 'clean' collar.

While out for a walk, dogs should be walked alone and also be kept away from any other dogs the walker might encounter.

When the walker returns the dog they should remove the 'clean' collar and lead once inside the garden and take it away with them to use next time.

After the dog has been returned home, the dog walker must disinfect the collar, lead and back of the car. Old sheets can be used in vehicles but they should be washed at 60° after each walk.

Ruff Runners provide a dog walking service and they are also able to walk dogs while owners are in quarantine. This is very beneficial if you know you are going to be in quarantine but you haven't organised for someone to walk your dog(s). For more information email RuffRunners@horizon.co.fk or call Tom on 65090.

