

RISK ASSESSMENT



DogsTrust

Carried out by: Operations Team
Date – V1.1 June 2020
Location – Rehoming centres
Task / Process – Volunteers carrying out duties for rehoming centres during COVID pandemic

When identifying HAZARDS consider
 a) The job Task (who, what, where, when, how)
 b) The environment (temperature, noise, lighting, dust, fumes)
 c) Materials, Equipment and substances (machinery, chemicals, dogs, etc)

Likelihood \ Severity	Likelihood				
	1 Improbable	2 Remote	3 Possible	4 Probable	5 Highly Likely
5 = Potential Fatality	5	10	15	20	25
4 = Major Injury	4	8	12	16	20
3 = LTA > 3 day	3	6	9	12	15
2 = LTA < 3 day	2	4	6	8	10
1 = Minor Accident or First Aid	1	2	3	4	5

Hazard	Description of potential accident / injury / loss	Risk rating			Action Taken	Risk Rating Post Action			Hazards/Risks that remain and/or will require monitoring	Result L, M, H
		Worse condition	No controls							
DOG WALKING – Covers volunteer collecting dog from rehoming centre for offsite dog walk and onsite dog walk. Risk to staff and volunteers	Contraction of Coronavirus – COVID 19.	4	4	16	<p>No household that has active COVID infection or displaying symptoms may return to volunteering duties. No individual who has been advised to shield should return to volunteering duties until after 31st July.</p> <p>Volunteers not currently allowed into reception areas. Hand sanitation areas should be created in outside areas.</p> <p>The hand over of the dog is to occur in the open air (compounds) as preference or larger indoor areas to enable social distancing.</p> <p>Volunteers are to have a lead for their individual use.</p> <p>The dog is to be on a long line to allow social distancing to be maintained between humans. The volunteer will apply a lead and remove the long line at the point</p>	2	4	8	<p>Latent risk of coronavirus infection. Good hygiene (washing hands, not touching face, sneezing, cough into crook of elbow) throughout the day will keep risk to a minimum.</p> <p>This risk assessment deals with the risks of coronavirus or risks that are prevalent due to ways of working in a pandemic. The centre specific risk assessment that covers the topic of volunteers walking dogs should also be referred to.</p>	M

					<p>at which control of the dog is passed over.</p> <p>Staff member to observe social distancing and to carry PPE (gloves and face covering) in case social distancing has to be broken for emergency situation.</p> <p>Upon departure of volunteer from space any surfaces touched by people are to be sanitised with a disinfectant wipe or Anigene 1:10 soaked cloth e.g. door handles, gate pushes, radios.</p> <p>Hand sanitiser is to be used at appropriate points throughout the processes.</p> <p>Follow government advice on social distancing when out and about with a dog.</p>					
Bite from a dog whilst loading, unloading or handling dog	Dog bite	3	3	9	<p>Dogs chosen for off-site walking involving vehicle travel have no history of aggression around vehicles and are generally of a non-aggressive temperament.</p> <p>Volunteers chosen will have completed dog handling training previously.</p> <p>The volunteer is to be briefed on the dog's behavioural history whilst in DT care before they interact with the dog and are to be allowed time with the dog within the site prior to departure.</p>	2	2	4	There is always a latent risk when dealing with sentient beings.	L
Volunteer: Disease (COVID)	Contraction of Coronavirus – COVID 19.	4	4	16	Dogs will have been isolated at rehoming centre for 72 hours after intake prior to being eligible for a	2	4	8	Latent risk of coronavirus infection. Good hygiene (washing hands, not touching	M

				9	<p>dog walk by a volunteer.</p> <p>The volunteer is advised on precautions to take such as washing hands after handling the dog and/or use of hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser stations will be created in outdoor spaces on site for volunteers to use when collecting and returning the dog.</p>			4	<p>face, sneezing, cough into crook of elbow) throughout the day will keep risk to a minimum.</p>	L
Volunteer: Bite from a dog whilst handling	Dog bite	3	3	9	<p>Volunteer(s) will have had training prior to walking a dog. Any specifics on the dog will be communicated ahead of the walk.</p> <p>The staff member will observe the dog's behaviour during the initial meeting of the volunteer and dog. The long line will remain in the hands of the staff member until such time as they are comfortable with the interaction between the volunteer and dog.</p>	2	2	4	<p>There is always a latent risk when dealing with sentient beings.</p>	L