



Merthyr Valley Ramblers' Dog Walking Guidance

Welcome to our group. We hope you and your dog enjoy walking with us. We have produced the following guide lines to enable everyone to ramble in harmony.

Please ensure that your dog is chipped, vaccinated and it has a collar disc with contact details.

Dogs must be kept under effective control at all times. Any dog whose obedience cannot be guaranteed must be kept on a short lead.

Effective control means:

- You have a short lead and use it when necessary e.g. when requested by the walk leader, near livestock, cliff edges or where signage requests it.
- Don't let your dog off the lead unless you keep it in sight and close enough to come back on command.
- Prevent your dog from approaching horse riders, cyclists or other people and their dogs uninvited.
- Keep dogs with you on paths or access land and don't let it stray into crops.
- Never let your dog worry or chase wildlife or livestock.
- Always bag dog's poo wherever you are. Never leave bags lying around.
- Display courteous behaviour to everyone and discuss any issues immediately with the group leader.