

FAQs and ANSWERS

1. HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE FOR DOG WALKING ?

I review my prices yearly and a full list of these can be found on the 'dog walking' page of my website.

2. DO YOU BOARD DOGS ?

No, I do not board dogs in my house but do sometimes stay with dogs in their own home.

This is only available for dogs who I already walk on a regular basis / know well and for short periods (usually 1-3 nights).

3. DO YOU COVER MY AREA ?

My main dog walking areas are Wandsworth Common and Raynes Park. For treat deliveries. I cover areas between these 2 points eg Wimbledon, Earlsfield, Southfields and occasionally as far as Tooting or over to Battersea Park. You can check on my website to see if I am in your area each week. Or you can meet me on Wandsworth Common to collect your order. I am also happy to post orders (postage to be paid by client).

4. DO YOU WORK AT WEEKENDS?

I do sometimes walk dogs or do housesits at weekends. But any free slots for this service get booked up quite far in advance so early booking is essential. Treat deliveries – I list on my website when I am next scheduled to be making weekend deliveries.

5. DO YOU SELL NATURAL TREATS & CHEWS ?

Natural is a very vague word but I do sell what most people mean by Natural Treats IE treats & chews that are as pure as possible – aiming for single source proteins, avoiding artificial colourings & additives or animal derivatives.

6. WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS IN THE DOG TREATS YOU STOCK?

I aim to stock treats which are as pure as possible and free from animal derivatives. There is not enough space to list the full ingredients on the treat list but there is a list on my website – 'product details' page. I have recently updated this based on the websites of the various manufactures but if your dog has a serious allergy, you should double check the packs / with manufactures before feeding. If you are looking for any specific type of treat or to avoid any specific ingredient, please ask as I may be able to point you in the right direction or order something in.

7. DO YOU SELL COW HOOVES?

I stopped selling these a couple of years ago after several vets advised that they may cause damage to teeth. Some dogs try to bite through the hoof rather than nibble the edges and this may result in cracked teeth. And chewing the hoof in this heavy way may also cause large bits to break off. However, if your dog has had hooves before and you are happy that they are chewing in the correct way to avoid any damage – maybe check with your vet first – then my supplier does stock some filled hooves – please ask me for further details.

8. DO YOU SELL PIG'S EARS?

I do not stock these as most clients favour the beef ears instead – they are less messy and much cheaper. But I am happy to order pig's ears if anyone would like a bag. Please ask me for details.

9. WHICH TOYS ARE SUITABLE FOR MY DOG?

I offer a wide selection of toys including treat dispensing toys (some easy and some more challenging), rope toys, chew toys, freezable toys, soft toys (some with squeakers and some without) and Eco-friendly toys. I can also order many more so if you don't see what you want then please ask. I am happy to bring a selection of items for you to browse. A number of the manufactures also have very good websites with more info/ videos etc.

EG KONG <https://www.kongcompany.com/dog>

BECO <https://www.becopets.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=94>

10. WHAT TREATS ARE GOOD FOR PUTTING IN KONGS?

It depends on what your dog likes but a few suggestions: For the classic bell-shaped KONG - use a bit of kibble / small baked treats (eg Betty Miller Petites, Coachies, Forthglade) right at the bottom of the KONG so that the narrow bit does not get too messy. Then a mix of something soft, pliable and smelly is good e.g. Gold Soft sticks / Pet Munchies – all can be broken or moulded into suitable shapes. Many people also mix these with their dog's wet food, bits of chicken, banana, low fat cream cheese, etc. For larger KONGS, Beef Jerky or the Fish4Dog cubes are a good way of bulking out Kongs. These are also quite good for plugging the top of smaller KONGS if you want a more difficult puzzle. Betty Miller Cheese Fantails or Big Bone biscuits can also be broken up to fill the middle of KONGS. Then a little more kibble or dry treats near the top so these fall out easily and get the dog interested. Some dogs need encouragement to get started on KONGS – so make them easy at first or be interactive with them eg take an empty KONG and hide something underneath for your dog to find and then move on to a few loose treats before gradually moving up to a more densely filled KONG. You can also have something sticking out the top of the KONG e.g. Gold or Pet Munchies Stick, Pizzle, FishTwist. KONGS may be frozen once filled – nice in summer or for teething pups or just to make them last longer. If your dog finds the classic KONG too easy or wants a change then other shapes of KONG toys (EG Activity Ball) or other treat dispensing toys are available.

11. DO YOU SELL DINNER PLACE MATS FOR DOG DISHES?

I have been asked this a couple of times recently and have found some nice ones at one of my suppliers. Made by Pet Rebellion, they are absorbent and machine washable. And reasonably priced. Available in small or large, please ask if you would like to take a look at one when I deliver your next order.

12. DO YOU SELL DOG FOOD?

Because I have limited space and this is heavy to transport, I'm afraid that I do not stock any dog food.

13. HOW LONG ARE SELL BY DATES ON YOUR TREATS?

Most items I sell have long sell by dates – usually over a year – as I have a fast turnover of stock/ order bespoke. If any items should become shorted dated (less than 3 months), I will usually offer them at a discounted price.

14. WHICH TREATS / TOYS ARE SUITABLE FOR PUPPIES?

Most items supplied by all manufacturers are suitable for puppies from around 12-16 weeks of age as long as they are supervised. But please double check specific brands / with your vet for advice regarding the needs of your own dog. There are a few treats made specifically for younger puppies – e.g. Natural Way puppy treats and Coachies Puppy – suitable for puppies from 8 weeks old. There are also toys made from slightly softer rubber which are good for teething puppies – EG KONG classic bell shape and activity toys. The Beco hemp ropes toys are also useful for teething puppies.

15. WHICH CHEWS LAST LONGEST / ARE GOOD FOR HELPING TO CLEAN TEETH?

The Antler chews and also Yak chews are pretty long wearing and good value but some dogs who are a bit lazy about chewing can find these difficult to get going and may get a more immediate reward from something like Beef Ears, Pizzles, Buffalo Chews or Dr Chew Sweet Potato Chews. They are easier to start off while still lasting a reasonable time for most dogs. For smaller dogs, the Sweet Potato Fish Wraps are also quite chewy. The Antos veggie chews are designed in shapes to help clean teeth and Fish Jerky is also thought to aid this. I can also order Plaque Off Dental Chews (and powder).

16. WHICH TREATS ARE BEST FOR TRAINING / RECALL?

This obviously depends on the individual preference of your dog to some degree but it is nice to offer a selection – some basic treats and some higher value treats. I offer a good variety of small training treats in different flavours eg Chicken Petites, Canice Poutry, Forthglade Handy pack treats which are cheese, blackberry and apple flavour and Coachies – a mix of chicken, lamb & beef. A number of clients advise that Gold Soft Sticks (Chicken or Duck) or Pet Munchies / Antos D'Light (eg Liver/ Duck/ Chicken) work well as have a good flavour and can be broken into suitable sized bits.

17. WHICH TREATS CAN I PUT IN MY POCKET WITHOUT THEM MAKING A MESS?

Something like the Betty Miller Chicken Petites , Coachies or Forthglade are good as they are a baked. Pet Munchies Liver Crunch is also good as it is dried liver and can be broken into small pieces. Gold or Pet Munchies sticks are a bit softer but still not hugely messy. But you can always get a light weight treat bag to pop your treats in. The ones I sell have drawstrings for easy access and can be clipped on to a belt or are pliable enough to fit in most coat pockets. Some also have small compartments for a few poo bags / coins etc.

18. DO YOU SELL NAME TAGS?

Sorry, I am unable to offer these. But they can be ordered from most vets and some key cutters / cobblers. There are also a number of websites where these can be ordered online so that you can get these quickly and keep your pet legal and hopefully reunited with you quickly if they should become lost.