THE PRACTICAL BLUEPRINT COMPANY

Dog-Walking Meet-and-Greet

Prepare questions and record a calm first introduction

Date: _____ Walker: _____

Owner: _____ Dog: _____

Requested service / days: _____

1. Before the meeting

- ☐ Confirm setting, duration and any meeting charge.
- ☐ Ask about bite / snap history, escape risk and handling concerns.
- ☐ Check that the proposed meeting is within your skills and cover.
- ☐ Plan lone-working arrangements; owner handles the dog initially.

2. Questions for the owner

- ☐ Health needs, exercise limits and veterinary instructions discussed.
- ☐ Medication, allergies and permission for treats clarified.
- ☐ Responses to dogs, people, traffic and wildlife discussed.
- ☐ Handling, guarding, escape incidents and context recorded.
- ☐ Collection, separation from owner and travel experience discussed.
- ☐ Usual equipment, familiar cues and calming routines explained.

Relevant history / information still needed:

3. Observe without testing or provoking

- ☐ Allow space and choice; do not force contact or remove food / toys.
- ☐ If worried, tense, frozen or avoiding contact: pause, give space or stop.

Factual observations (what happened, where and in response to what):

Planning aid only. Not a contract or behaviour assessment. Keep completed records secure.

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Review the service and choose a clear next step

4. Optional lead walk and practical arrangements

- ☐ Proceed only if suitable; owner present and dog stays on lead.
- ☐ Check equipment condition and fit; owner demonstrates use.
- ☐ Record handling comfort and any concerns. No off-lead recall test.
- ☐ Discuss transport separately; no assumption of group suitability.
- ☐ Agree duration, collection window, weather plan and return-home care.

5. Paperwork before the first booking

- ☐ Owner, backup contact and veterinary details recorded securely.
- ☐ Emergency procedure, authorisation and cost arrangements agreed.
- ☐ Service, total price, payment and cancellation terms understood.
- ☐ Relevant local rules and insurance conditions checked.
- ☐ Access, key security and agreed permissions reviewed.
- ☐ Store door / alarm codes separately. Photo permission is optional.

6. Outcome and follow-up

- ☐ Accept once checks and agreed terms are complete.
- ☐ Arrange a suitable solo trial or further introduction before deciding.
- ☐ Decline / refer because needs exceed the service or available skills.

Reasons / conditions / information needed:

Agreed next action, responsible person and review date:

Send a written summary. Reassess after any trial and when needs change.

A calm meeting does not guarantee future behaviour or group suitability.

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