

# DOG CITY



## BE A DOG WALKER TRAINER OR MENTOR

New Dog Walker Legislation also addresses training requirements, curriculum and credentials for those who want to provide commercial dog walking training.

<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3859>



Go to SF Animal Care & Control website at  
[www.animalshelter.sfgov.org](http://www.animalshelter.sfgov.org)  
for complete link to Dog Walker Law



Effective July 1, 2013 in City & County of San Francisco



## Do You Know . . .

- a dog walker must have an annual permit and carry it when walking 4 to 8 dogs?
- that 8 dogs is the limit for 1 dog walker? and 6 is recommended?
- that to have a dog walking permit you must have a current business license?
- a dog walker must have a \$1 million dollar liability insurance policy?
- a dog walker must have a valid business license to get a permit?
- the law applies in SF to any dog walker or dogs no matter where they are from?
- dog walker leashes can be no longer than 8 feet?
- a dog walker must provide safe and appropriate transport for dogs?
- a dog walker must clean up after all dogs in their care?
- a dog walker must have sufficient drinking water readily accessible?
- a dog walker must have safety equipment readily accessible?

City & County of San Francisco  
**COMMERCIAL  
DOG WALKER**  
Legislation Information



Beginning July 1, 2013

**What You Need to Know**  
Section 3900 of the CCSF Health Code



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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# WALKING 4 TO 8 DOGS



Commercial dog walkers with 4 or more dogs, limited to 8 dogs total, are required to carry a valid annually renewed dog walking permit issued by the San Francisco Department of Animal Care & Control. Enforcement of this law will take place on all City property under the Department of Recreation and Parks, SF Port, the Public Utilities Commission and the Presidio Trust property effective July 1, 2013.

Under the new law, dog walkers must:

- Either be “grandfathered in” with proof of 3 consecutive years of registered business licenses as a dog walker, or employed by such a business and have proof (W-2s or pay stubs) of that employment

Or

- Complete training requirement (20 hours classroom or 40 hours mentorship)  
<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3872>

And

- Have a valid CCSF business license  
<http://www.sftreasurer.org/>
- Complete application process and pay fees (initial screening and permit cost is \$240, annually \$100 thereafter)  
<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3861>
- Have vehicles used to transport dogs inspected  
<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3869>

In addition, the completed application for Commercial Dog Walker permit includes:

- Proof of \$1 million general liability insurance
- Review of obligations under Article 39 of CCSF Health Code regulating dog walkers  
<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3857>
- Dog Walkers must have required safety equipment readily available and provide safe transportation  
<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3869>



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## DOG PLAY AREAS AND OFF-LEASH AREAS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Most City parks are multi-use. Use good park etiquette.

Go to this link for dog play areas and off-leash dog areas in San Francisco:  
<http://sfrecpark.org/parks-open-spaces/dog-play-areas-program/>



**Failure to comply with law may result in citations, fines and revocation of Commercial Dog Walker permit.**

<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=3872>