

Forest Dogs  
Dog Care Services

## Environmental Policy

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The FOREST comes first

Here at Forest Dogs we care about the world we live in, from the woodlands and Peak District we love and walk in to the wider global issues we all face.

Here is a summary of how Forest Dogs is striving to run in a sustainable and eco conscious way!





Because we 'profit' from the amazing green spaces we love and walk in we realise our responsibility to help protect these natural resources. Joining '1% for the Planet' in 2022 means we are committed to giving 1% of our annual turnover £ to the organisation. Since beginning in 2002 '1% for the Planet' has raised over \$435 million to fund diverse environmental organisations so that collectively they can be a more powerful source in solving the world's problems.

As a family business our contribution may well be small but it is a commitment, and a belief in 'doing the right thing' which is shared by Forest Dogs clients.

We aim to do everything we can as a local dog care service to minimise the harmful impact we may have on the environment and go further in promoting and influencing others towards a greener approach to dog care.



# Day to Day Business

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## Vehicles



We are pleased to now be running one fully electric van! Reducing the company's emissions and carbon footprint. We spent £ more on our other two vans which are virtually new (less than 2 years old) so that they are cleaner (Euro6) and more economical than most old vans.

We aim to replace our remaining two vehicles with electric ones by 2025.



## Our Locations and Walks

All our customer's dogs are walked in groups with others from the same area. We organise our travels in the most efficient way in order to limit the distance we're driving. Not to forget, by walking your dogs in groups we are all lowering our carbon footprint. 6 dogs in 1 van on 1 walk is better than 6 separate vehicles and journeys.



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## Uniform

We aim to be sustainable even down to the clothes we wear. Our new t-shirts are made from 100% organic cotton (which is better for both people and the planet). They are sourced from a brand who are Fair Wear certified and PETA approved vegan. Once our other pieces of original uniform are worn and old we will be replacing these with the above brand.

## Local Eco-systems

When out and about on our walks we come across litter, we like to help pick this up where possible. And of course we dispose of our poo bags in nearby bins, or bring them back to our HQ to dispose of.

We love a walk on the moors of the Peak District, and so do the dogs! We do however stay off open access land during the months of March-July in order to protect wildlife during nesting seasons.



# Dog Poo Bags and Waste Disposal

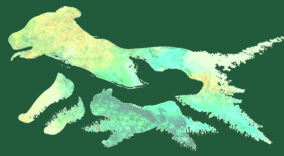
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We are currently switching to using certified compostable poop bags. Not to be confused with cheaper degradable poop bags which may breakdown in up to 100 years into billions of tiny plastic particles!

Looking for relevant certifications like British Standards EN13432 and 0% plastic means our poop bags are fully biodegradable and suitable for domestic and industrial composting.

In the future we'd like to explore composting systems which could reduce our poop waste volume by up to 50% and create nutrient rich soil to fertilise our own land.





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As you can see we are trying to think how we can go about our business in a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way... but there's always room for improvement!

We will review our environmental policy and see if we can add things along the way but in the meantime we would really appreciate your thoughts on our policy and what else we could do?

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