## CANINE SAFETY & HANDLING: WALKING DOGS



## REMOVING THE DOG FROM THEIR KENNEL OR CRATE

When opening the kennel or crate do NOT open the door all the way. Steady your foot behind the kennel door (if it is a kennel). Have your slip lead ready to go - the trick is quick and simple leashing BEFORE you take the dog out. Grabbing a dog's collar is not a good idea. Have treats with you in the event you need to distract your dog (unless the dog is a food guarder). Be sure the slip lead is secured around the dog's neck and be sure you are keeping the dog close to you when walking through the hallways. Do not let your dog near any other crates, kennels or dogs while walking them out.

If your dog is not being cooperative with removing them from kennel/crate, leashing, or if you don't feel comfortable, stop immediately and notify a staff member. It is better to be safe than sorry.

## WALKING

Double leashing before you go outside is highly recommended in the event one of the leashes malfunctioning. Always pay attention when walking your dog. Please stay off or your cell phone unless you are snapping a quick photo of your dog. Be aware of your surroundings and any possible triggers (things that might upset your dog). You are your dog's advocate so please try to keep them safe and within their comfort level.

If your dog growls at something or someone, that is their way of saying they are not comfortable. The best thing to do is remove your dog from whatever/whoever they are growling at. We don't ever want to punish a growl because we would rather the dog growl as opposed to lunging and trying to bite.

NOTE: If your dog has not been child tested and there are kids where you are taking your dog, please do not introduce them. Let staff take care of that.

No question is dumb. Please ask any questions and always err on the side of caution.

