PAWTNER IN CRIME

Dog Walk Checklist

Dog's name: _____

Neck / chest (in or cm): _____

Harness size: _____

Vet's name and phone: _____

Every Walk

- [ ] **Harness or collar that fits**
  Two fingers fit under the straps or collar. Nothing rubs.
- [ ] **Leash**
  Check the clip and the stitching before you go.
- [ ] **ID tag on the collar**
  Readable and up to date. Ask your vet about a microchip.
- [ ] **Poop bags**
  More than you think you need.
- [ ] **Water and a bowl**
  Especially for longer or warm walks.
- [ ] **Treats for rewarding good walking**
  Optional. Small and soft.

Can Wait Until You Know You Need It

- [ ] **Raincoat**
  If your dog is happy wearing one.
- [ ] **Boots**
  If hot pavement is a problem. Fit snugly and practice first.
- [ ] **GPS tracker or spare leash**

Before You Step Outside

- [ ] **Hand test the pavement**
  Hold your hand on it for ten seconds. Too hot for your hand means too hot for paws.
- [ ] **Early or late in hot weather**
  Choose grass or shade.
- [ ] **Fixed leash near roads**
  If you use a retractable one, lock it near roads and other dogs.
- [ ] **Supervise new gear**
  Watch for rubbing the first few times.

Going by Car?

- [ ] **Crash-tested restraint or secured crate**
- [ ] **Never alone in a parked car**
- [ ] **Breaks and fresh water**

Measure first. Neck, chest and back length. Between sizes? Size up. Check the product's own size chart.

Good to know

- Gear doesn't teach loose-leash walking. Short, rewarded practice does.
- Puppies grow fast. Check the fit again every few weeks.

Notes:

A free printable from the Blog. Based on guidance from the AKC, FOUR PAWS and RSPCA Australia; ask your vet about your dog.