

## LEICESTER U3A

### DOGS ON WALKS AND ACTIVITIES

STATEMENT 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

*If you wish to bring your dog on a walk or activity, please chat with the Group's Convenor first.*

*You can have a dog on walks, providing you:*

- Have checked with the Convenor.
- Accept full responsibility for your dog.
- Keep your dog under any control necessary,
- Keep your dog separate, out of kindness and courtesy, from any member who may feel uncomfortable around dogs.
- Keep your dog on a short lead.
- Ensure your dog stays close to you at all times & does not approach other members without consent.
- Clear up after your dog.
- Be especially aware of your dog around food.
- Keep your dog away from others not involved in your walk.

*A Convenor may*

- Tell dog owners they cannot participate in a walk if not members of the group.
- Tell dog owners that extendable leads are a trip hazard and are not acceptable.
- Instruct them that they must be in control the dog at all times.
- Discuss with you the behaviour of your dog.
- Pass on feelings about your dog from another member of your group,

*You must accept that:*

- Another group member may feel uncomfortable around dogs.
- You must make every attempt to keep the dog separate from the member.
- Another member of the group may be allergic to dogs.

*Please attempt at all times to solve any disagreement amicably.*

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- follows the advice of the Government and Third Age Trust.
- has looked at information from the Assistance Dogs UK charity; and the Rambler's Association, as far as it applies to its activities.

Leicester u3a accepts the Equality Act 2010 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (NI), which requires that disabled people have the same rights to services such as accommodation, restaurants, pubs, and cafes as everyone else & reasonable adjustments must be made in order to avoid discriminating against disabled people. These reasonable adjustments will range from creating an access route for a person with a wheelchair to allowing a disabled person to be accompanied by her/his assistance dog.

Leicester u3a recognises that assistance dogs trained by ADUK member organisations perform practical assistive tasks for their disabled partners or alert to life-threatening medical conditions to enable their owners to be independent and allows assistance dogs to accompany their owners into most situations where pet dogs would not be permitted. A disabled person should not be put at a disadvantage due to their assistance dog.