Dog Walking at MASDAW

Welcome to MASDAW, we are really excited to meet you & go for a walk with you, but first let us give you a few tips for walking us!

A bit about us

At MASDAW we have all come from different backgrounds, some positive & some negative so please be aware of that when you are with us!

Most of us are very excited to go out so we may bark or pull a bit to start with, please don't be put off by our behaviour, we are just so excited to be out with you and we will calm down quickly as soon as we start walking. However, some of our friends at MASDAW are quite scared & nervous so they need you to be calm & patient. We know you want to stroke & cuddle us but please let us come to you in our own time!

Harnesses/ Collars/ Leashes

When you collect us from MASDAW for our walk, we will be wearing a collar and a harness & we will have 2 leashes, one on each. This is for extra security as very occassionally a collar or a leash can break, so this means there is always a spare! Please don't take the second leash off of me, if you can't hold it please either wrap it around the first leash or tuck it into my harness.

I will also be wearing my smart MASDAW neckerchief! This is so I am easily recognisable as a dog from MASDAW, it can be helpful for other people & dog owners to be aware of this so please don't take it off of me (unless I get it wet or dirty!) Plus I look super cute which is great for photos!

Most of us love to swim in the sea but please don't take us off our leads if you let us go in the water, we might swim further than we mean to!

Treats

We LOVE treats! Treats are usually the way to our hearts too & we will be best friend in no time! We love dehydrated or cooked chicken (no bones) or high quality chews or biscuits from the local pet shops! Treats can help us build a relationship, are an excellent training tool if you would like to help teach me to answer commands (ask one of my humans about this, they have already prepared some tips for this too!) and can be really helpful if I do decide to take a little run! We don't usually do this but very occassionally we can be a bit cheeky! Please don't worry, we know where we live & will most likely find our way home! But if I am still close by, calling my name in a positive tone & having a treat ready for me could be just the trick!

Getting to know our behaviours

If we are feeling nervous we might look away from you, lick frequently, move away, go stiff or tuck our tails. If we do this please be calm, patient & make no sudden movements. Let us come to you in our own time.

Occasionally we might pull on the lead, you can usually tell if we are about to do this because we will become more alert which can be spotted with these signs: stillness, pricked up ears, still tail which is up or one foot off the floor. We have probably just seen something that interests us, so keep calm & just be prepared for us to pull. Call us in a positive voice tone and you could try distracting us with a treat! Please don't pull on our leash as we will probably react in the opposite way. However, a gentle tug on my leash to your side may help to get my attention on you.

MASDAW phone number

Just in case you should need it whilst we are out & about, please call our humans on 6333 7667

Water

Please make sure you give us plenty of water when we are half way on our walk. However, if it is particularly hot then please give us water before! We may need a couple of water stops as we get very hot, especially if we are very furry!

What should be in your doggy bag?

In your bag you should find the following:

- -Info sheet including walking routes & MASDAW phone number
- -Water bowl
- -Water for the dogs
- -Water for spraying on dog pee
- -Poop bags
- -Treats
- -Baby wipes

If you come regularly, it would be really helpful if you could make up your own doggie bag to bring each time! We can help you to find things if you don't know where to look but the local pet shops or taobao are great places to start!

