



DOGGY DE-STRESS

Risk Assessment example

Doggy De-stress session

Doggy De-stress holds third party liability insurance

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you doing to prevent risk?	Likelihood of risk: Low (1) Medium (2) High (3)	Visit carried out/ risk assessment completed, and by whom
Dogs escape off lead	Dog running in to something or someone	Dogs will be kept in an enclosed space during the session, and on leads when not.	1	Picture of room to be used has been seen
An allergic reaction to a dog	Someone allergic to labrador/ labrador retrievers	Those with known dog allergies will be informed by our clients that they should not attend the session. All dogs are well groomed before sessions.	1	
Dogs urinate or foul the area and shed hair	No harm	Basic cleaning products carried with the Doggy De-stress team. Dogs will leave behind hairs after sessions. Doggy De-stress cannot remove the hairs, but these can be removed by the client using the usual office cleaning practice of vacuuming.	2	

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Dog causes injury to someone	Those attending the session	Providing the sessions in a calming environment. Only allowing a small amount of people in the room at a time. Making risks clear to those attending - not getting dogs too excited.	1	
Dogs cause injury to each other?	Dogs may be harmed during play	Dogs have are well socialised and tested to ensure they can carry out therapy work together. Those attending advised not to overly excite the dogs.	1	
Dogs general health	Dogs and very low risk to humans	Our dogs receive full health checks via usual vet checks. Doggy De-stress has access to all vet certificates.	1	
Storage of, and use of dog treats	No harm	Dog treats will not need to be stored anywhere and dog treats will not be used in the session at all.	1	

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Evacuation of building	Humans and dogs	Doggy De-stress staff will follow the emergency procedure as given for the building. In the event of evacuation, our two members of staff will take charge of the three dogs and follow procedure. It's the responsibility of the building staff to tell us where fire exits are and the procedure to follow.	1	

Notes:

- Although groomed before a visit, our dogs will leave hair behind.
- Staff must be told that they cannot attend the session if they are allergic to dogs, or specifically Labrador or Labrador Retrievers.
- We bring our own water bowls and cleaning products.
- Dogs must not be fed snacks or treats.

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