



## DOG WALKER JOB DESCRIPTION

**About DogBoxx** – DogBoxx started as a lockdown project for Lydia in 2021. Since then she has built her client base in Bermondsey/London Bridge to a list of around 40 clients and quit her teaching job. In March 2023 she hired an assistant and bought a second cargo bike. Between them they walk around 20 dogs a day, 5 days a week. The client list is growing and may expand further in the next few months as another local walker is moving away.

Lydia is hoping to resume teaching one day a week and is looking for a reliable local person who can take over for that day. In addition there are several weeks of holiday booked when full time cover is needed.

While holiday weeks are fixed, the day of the week needing cover can be flexible. Walks start at 10.30am and finish by 4pm at the latest. There may also be some days when only one walk needs cover.

**The Schedule** 10.30 – collect bike

11.00 – start pick ups for walk 1

11.30 – meet other bike at Southwark Park and walk together for an hour.

12.30 – put dogs back in the bike and drop them off home.

1pm – short lunch break

1.30 – start afternoon pick ups

2pm – meet other bike in the park and walk together for an hour.

3pm – put dogs back in the bike and drop them off home.

3.30 – park bike, tidy everything up. Lock it up for the night.

**The Role** – To use an electric cargo bike to collect, walk and drop off up to 10 dogs a day. You will be required to hold keys and enter some homes to collect dogs. You will also be in contact with owners with your eta if they are at home. The dogs always get an hour in the park. Pick up/drop off take about 40 minutes each.

**Start date** – early January 2024. First holiday cover needed for the last week of January + first week of Feb 24.

**Hours** – Initially you will have smaller groups of dogs but as your client base increases, your expected schedule would be 10.30am – 4pm, with a 30 minute break in the middle.

**The Bike** – This would be provided for you and maintained by Lydia. Its location would depend on where you are based. You may need to charge the battery in the evenings during holiday time.

**Experience** – Experience with dogs and city cycling essential. Good organisational and client facing skills important. You need to be happy outside in all weathers and have a strong stomach. You will need to be physically fit.

**Training** – You will be given the opportunity to attend a canine first aid session. You will be given time to familiarise yourself with the bike. The first few sessions will be spent shadowing and training with Lydia.

**Equipment** – Bike, lock, battery, charger, leads, balls, dog snacks, poo bags, dog towels etc provided. You will need your own helmet, rain gear, reflective gear, thermos and snacks. You, the bike and the dogs will be fully insured by DogBoxx.

**Salary** – £50 for each full session (2 walks) shadowing Lydia. After that, £60 per full session on your own or £35 if you're just covering one walk. You will need to declare yourself as self-employed to HMRC and invoice DogBoxx at the end of every month. You are responsible for your own tax and pension.

Potential candidates will be invited for an interview, followed by accompanying Lydia on a walk. The successful candidate would need to pass a DBS and credit check and provide photo identification to prove they are legally able to work in the UK. You will need to supply two references.

DogBoxx is an equal opportunity employer and pays London Living Wage.

To apply, contact [lydia@dogboxx.org](mailto:lydia@dogboxx.org) with details of your experience and availability.