A black silhouette of a dog

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**Escape of a Dog Procedure**

To comply with the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities involving Animals) Regulations 2018, we have policies and procedures in place in case of the death or escape of a dog, including the storage of a deceased dog.

**Dog Lost**

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| **Action** | **Procedure** |
| Tags | All dogs will wear a tag stating they are boarding with us and showing our name, address, and two contact numbers. |
| Effort to find the dog | If a dog escapes from the home or on a walk, every effort will be made to find the dog. All local vets will be contacted along with the dog warden. |
| Owner notified | The owner and/or emergency contact will be contacted. |
| All family notified | All members of my family will immediately be notified and friends and family and local support groups will be used to locate the dog in places where it was last seen. |
| Insurance notified | The insurance company will be notified to ensure that they are informed at the earliest possible time. |

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| **Contact** | **Name location** | **Contact number/ Email/Website** |
| Dog warden | Wokingham Borough | During office hours (8:30am - 5pm, Monday to Thursday or 8:30am - 4:30pm Friday)  01635 519171  Outside of these times (including Bank Holidays)  0844 499 6063 |
| Dog warden backup | Reading area | 0118 93 73 787 |
| RSPCA | UK | 0300 123 4999  <https://www.rspca.org.uk/> |
| Facebook groups | Wargrave | Wonderful Wargrave Facebook group  Dog owners of Henley and Maidenhead  Lost Dogs UK  Lost and Stolen Pets UK  Drone SAR for Lost Dogs UK |
| Petlog | UK | 01296 737600 |
| Dogs lost | Dogslost | <https://doglost.co.uk/> |
| Twyford Vet | Twyford | 0118 934 0259 |
| Mobile vet | Mobile | 07895 613433 |

**Death of an animal (including the storage of dead animals) Procedure**

**Death of a Dog**

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| **Action** | **Procedure** |
| Contact Owner | In the event of death, the owner (or emergency contact, if owner not available) will be contacted. |
| Contact Veterinary Practice | The registered or local veterinary practice will be contacted, and the dog will either be collected by them or taken to them by the Service Provider. |
| Storage | If this is not immediately possible, the dog will be transferred and sensitively kept in a locked outbuilding at my father’s house (15 minutes drive) until the next day when either the owner/emergency contact or the registered or local veterinary practice are able to collect the dog |
| Euthanasia | If our vet feels that a dog must be euthanised every effort will be made to get consent from the client or the emergency contact, but the welfare of the dog comes first. Any euthanasia must be performed by a qualified vet. |

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| The death of a dog.   * If a dog should pass away during its stay, the body is removed and put in the isolation room and kept away from any other dog. * Contact Vet first then owner, then if owner is not available the emergency contact should be notified (if agreed & signed at meet & greet and on agreement form) * The body should be stored at the vets. The owner can then collect or gives instruction of its disposal to the vet. * Record any death of dog. Natural, accident or by euthanasia on the record of EUTHANSIA (You must adhere to the guidance as set out in Reg 9.12: No person may euthanasia an animal except a veterinarian or a person who has been authorised by a veterinarian as competent for such purpose. A dog may only be euthanised by a veterinarian. Euthanasia must be humane and effective. The licence holder must keep a record of all euthanasia and the identity of the qualified veterinarian that carried it out. The owner or designated main point of contact must be contacted to give consent. Unless imperative for the welfare of the dog, euthanasia must not take place until consent is given.   Any area where a dog’s body has been laid/ stored will be cleaned with disinfectant once the body has been taken to the vet for storage. We will also clean and disinfect any car which has been used to transport the dog. |

**Record Of Euthanasia**

Information about who can Euthanise can be found in the Standard Operational Procedure under: Regulation 9.1 : THE DEATH OR ESCAPE OF AN ANIMAL (INCLUDING THE STORAGE OF DEAD ANIMALS) PROCEDURE, and within the Animal Welfare Regulations (16.02.22) Regulation 9.12

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| NAME of DOG | DATE | VET PRACTICE, NAME & SIGNATURE of VET |
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