MORNING HIKING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Thank you so much for choosing Blue Dog Hiking. I am a small business and your support is greatly appreciated.

REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR DOG:

Your dog must be physically capable of completing a 2 hour long rigorous hike and a vehicle ride, comfortably walk off-leash and have a reliable recall. He/she must not be reactive, aggressive or fearful towards dogs, people or vehicles off-leash. He/she should not have a bite or spook history.

PICK UPS:

Your dog will be picked up between 7:00 am - 8:30 am. For large, extra large and barrel-chested dogs it is advised you feed 60 minutes before exercise or not feed at all. This is due to a medical condition risk called “bloat”. I will require entry to your house via spare key, hidden key or keypad code and will use your chosen method to pick up your pooch rather than knocking, calling or texting due to efficiency constraints.

All dogs wear one of our martingale (no chain) safety buckle collars with a phone number ID tag attached. New dogs additionally wear a Tractive dog GPS tracker. Keep in mind the dogs get very dirty and so does anything they’re wearing including your personal collars. It is advised your dog does not wear anything in order to keep your gear clean. Whatever you wish your dog to use please have that gear on your dog before I arrive or in an obvious location by the front door for me to equip them with. Jackets are only necessary during very cold or rainy days and must be secured using buckles, Velcro coats are very often lost.

DURING THE HIKE:

I take the dogs for 2 hour long hikes through our beautiful mountainsides. It varies slightly day by day but this hike runs approximately from **8:30 am - 10:30 am, Monday through Friday.** The terrain is at times difficult and forested. Minor knicks & scrapes from brush and play with other dogs should be expected. Occasional highlights are posted on Instagram, but daily photos and videos are published in our Client Only Facebook Group. Please note on especially wet and/or cold days no media is taken or available.

DROP OFFS:

Your dog will be dropped off between 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Please know that the dogs get very dirty on their hikes. I will give them a quick toweling at your front door if necessary/desired; please leave a towel in an obvious location. The towel will not entirely clean or dry your dog and I would recommend protecting your house with this in mind. Please understand I have more tired and dirty dogs looking forward to going home in the vehicle and therefore must be efficient. If you would like your dog cleaned in a specific way please be sure to get in touch and this can be arranged!

PAYMENTS:

Your dog’s hikes will be recorded on a monthly invoice that is sent out via email at the end of the month. Cash or e-transfer is accepted.

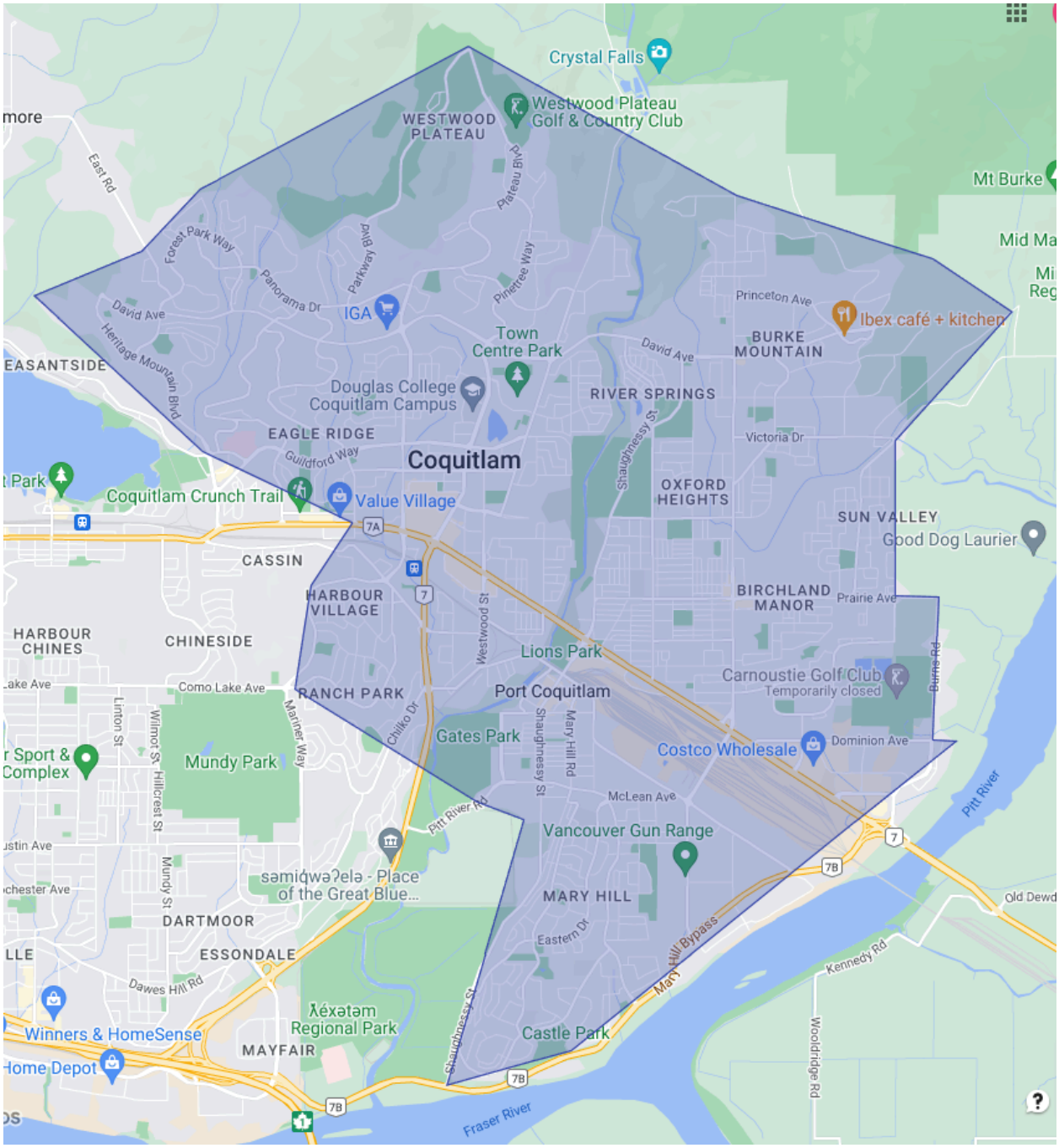
MY GUARANTEE TO YOU:

Providing quality exercise and socialization for your canine family members is my passion. The dogs love being out for their walks and enjoy the unique experience of walking off leash with their own kind. My hikes are 2 hours long minimum in addition to vehicle transit time so you may expect your dog to be out of the house anywhere from 2 - 5 hours.

DOG SITTING:

Dog boarding and afternoon hikes are available! Please find all the information on our website bluedoghiking.ca. We would be honored to care for your dog while you are away.

SERVICE AREA FOR MORNING HIKING:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Question: How many dogs do you take on each adventure hike?

Our group size for both morning and afternoon hike is 8 furry friends, plus 2 extra spots for boarding dogs. I have found over the years that this specific number of dogs per group is the perfect balance between fun energy and calm focus.

Question: What time does the morning hike happen?

The morning hike is 2 hours and we try to have it run between 8:30 am - 10:30 am, but this start time can vary day to day just due to driving logistics. The earliest it could start is 8:15 am and the latest is 9:00 am. The latest your dog could be dropped off afterwards is 12:30 pm.

Question: What time will you pick my dog up in the morning?

The morning pick up time varies between 7 am through 8:30 am. Your exact time is determined by the route and can vary day by day due to different hiking locations, etc. We aim to start our hike at 8:30 am, Monday through Friday.

Question: Do I need to be home for you to pick my dog up?

You absolutely do not need to be home for your dog's pick up or drop off time. For maximum convenience to you, I access your home via key or keypad code. This is so there are no issues upon pick up or drop off should you need to step out or find yourself busy on a call, etc.

Question: How do you transport the dogs?

The dogs are transported in my truck. I have four kennels available for the dogs that prefer personal space, 4 spots comfortably loose in the truck under a canopy, and a spot in the front cab. My set up for transporting the dogs maximizes comfort levels and is kept very clean at all times.

Question: How much notice do you need for cancellations?

Because I am a small business, as much notice as possible for cancellations is very helpful for me. However I am always very flexible for you and your needs as that is very important to me. Cancellations the night before incur no fee. Cancellations on the day of is a full charge. If I arrive at your home to pick up and your dog is a no-show, it is a full hike charge. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Question: Is my dog going to be dirty after their hike?

Yes, the dogs do often get dirty after hiking depending on their own personalities and coat types. Keeping your dog and home clean is very important to me. I am happy to towel (and hose, if applicable) your dog before releasing them back to your home. Please be sure to communicate your needs to me so we can come up with a plan. I have many more tired and dirty dogs looking forward to going home in the truck, so being efficient at drop off is very important. I can also recommend using baby gates in certain areas if you are concerned about your dog being dirty at home.

Question: Where do you take the dogs on your hikes?

We hike on Eagle Mountain in Coquitlam primarily, but we have a huge variety of other locations that we enjoy regularly. I plan routes for the dogs that maximize safety and fun. We occasionally have "field trip" days - hikes that are longer than usual, and therefore we are out exploring other areas such as the beautiful trails found in Golden Ears.

Question: Do the dogs ever fight?

I am extremely selective on which dogs enter our Blue Dog packs. Personalities and behaviours are considered cautiously before introducing a new dog. I also have over 8 years of experience handling dogs and have seen everything under the sun in regards to dog interactions. I follow famous dog trainers Stonnie Dennis & Joel Beckman's teachings very carefully and have above excellent success in creating a healthy, beautiful and safe environment for every dog in my care.

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