

## **DOG HIKING SCHEDULE 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 90 - 120 minutes 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:**

Morning hike pick up time is scheduled between **7 am - 8:30 am**. Afternoon hike pick up time is scheduled between **10:00 am - 12:30 pm**.

For large, extra large and barrel-chested dogs it is advised you feed 1 hour before exercise or not to 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 time efficiency constraints. All dogs wear one of our fabric martingale 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 90 - 120 minutes long hikes through our beautiful mountainsides. The terrain is at times difficult and forested. Minor knicks & scrapes from brush and play with other dogs should be expected. Photography and videos are taken daily and uploaded onto our Instagram & Facebook accounts. Please note on especially wet and/or cold days no media is taken or available.

### **DROP OFFS:**

The drop off time after the morning hike is between **10 am - 12:30 pm**. The drop off time for the afternoon hike is between **1 pm - 4 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 your dog requires special care to keep tidy, please feel free to communicate that with me and we will create a plan to make sure you and your dog's are met.

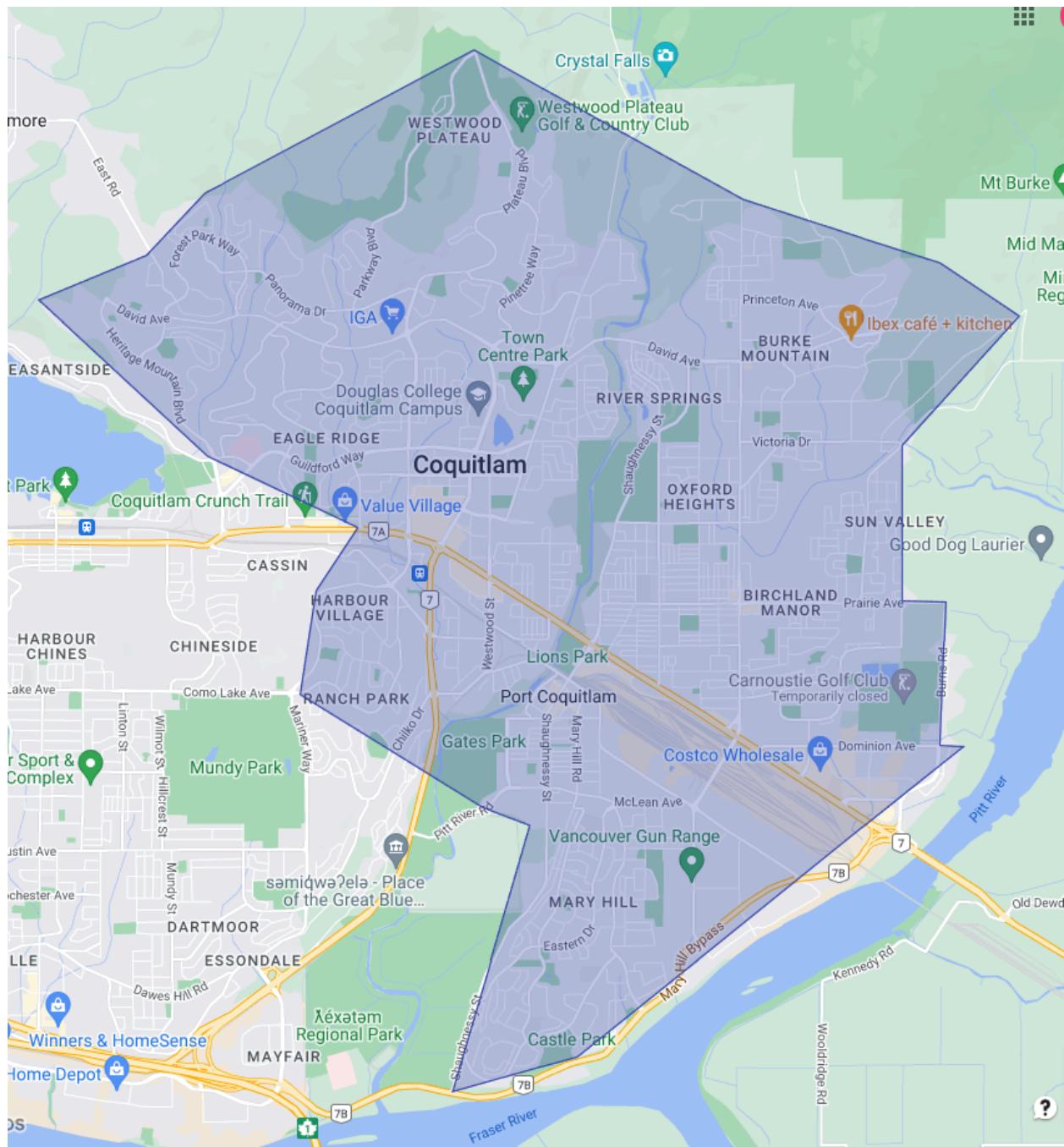
### **PAYMENTS:**

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 in addition to vehicle transit time so you may expect your dog to be out of the house anywhere from 2 - 5 hours.

## **SERVICE AREA FOR 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 fury friends. 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 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. If you need an exact time, I can send a heads up text or an approximation the night before. We aim to start our hike at 8 am every day.

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

The afternoon pick up time is between 10 am through 12:30 pm. Your exact time is determined by the route and it can vary more significantly than the morning - however we do aim to have our hike beginning at 12 pm every day.

**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, 3 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 15\$. 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.

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