

Tim Howick-Smith 1000 Paws Walk Doggie Protocols

Welcome to the second Tim Howick Smith 1000 Paws Walk. We sincerely hope that this is a wonderful celebration of Mr Tim's service to the dogs of Fiji and that you and your fur buddy have an amazing day. In order to do so please read the following carefully. We have dog trainers on hand at the event centre to assist with any of your concerns.

Some preparation before you begin:

- Your dog must be vaccinated, desexed and parasite-free to participate in the walk.
- Practice with your dog before the event. Don't surprise your dog so that he/she will feel nervous. Don't expect him or her to behave well without practicing first.
- If you are unsure how your dog will respond to this event but you really want to take part consider muzzling your dog. Better to be safe than sorry!

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**Please observe the rule of a
maximum of 2 dogs per adult.**



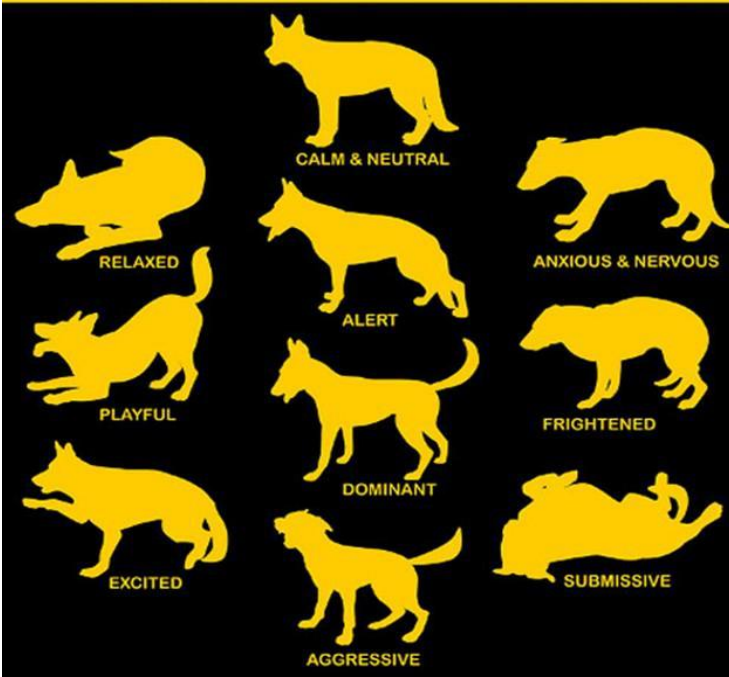
SOCIAL DISTANCING APPLIES TO DOGS TOO!

WHEN APPROACHING OTHERS – ASK FIRST:

When you approach others 'ask first'. For many dogs and owners this may be a new experience and checking if you can approach is always a good idea. Ensure your dog's collar is a firm fit and that the leash and clip are not likely to break. Be respectful of other owners and their dogs. Observe body language. Ask before approaching. See body language chart over the page.

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CANINE BODY LANGUAGE



Know your dog. If their body language is telling you they are nervous or stressed then walk away with your dog to a quieter place. Carry some treats for your dog. It may help keep them calm. You should find some in your registration bag also. Ensure your dog's collar is a firm fit and that the leash and clip are not likely to break. If your dog is particularly nervous, let SPCA staff know. They will help with some options.

A few simple rules to keep everybody safe and happy:

All dogs must **remain on leash** and in the direct control of their owner for the entire event.

In the event of an accident and first aid is required there will be 'marshals on bikes' to assist. They will be in communication with the first aid base at the Event Center.

Don't assume anything about dogs you do not know and keep a safe distance. Keeping a respectful distance and paying attention to your dog's body language should avoid any incidences of dog aggression. Prevention is better than cure. This event is not about your dog making new-friends! Keeping your distance from others and ensuring a happy event is the best way to 'socialize' your dog and make him/her comfortable in the company of other dogs. If someone does not follow the rules and approaches you carelessly, **SAY SOMETHING** like "please keep a safe distance" or calmly turn away and create a safe distance yourself.

Keeping your dog comfortable and safe. Consider the weather. If it is hot are your dog's feet being burnt on the bitumen? Seek shade or move to grass. Is your dog thirsty? There will be watering stations at regular intervals around the route but also carry some water with you. Overly hot? Get into the shade. Cold and wet? Take cover till the rain passes.

Keeping Suva clean and thinking of others. In your registration bag you will find a dog poop bag. Please use it if your dog poops anywhere during the walk. Pick it up and place in the allocated marked bins. Please don't use other bins to dispose of doggie-doo!

We wish you a wonderful and safe event!

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