

North West Leonberger Water Training Group.

Proposal for training at Pickmere lake in 2017

The North West Leonberger Water Training Group was formed this year 2016 with the aim of facilitating the development of skills for both dog and handler. The group is supported by the Leonberger Club of Great Britain and is bound by its regulations the details of which are available to view on the club website.

The group has a club Public Liability insurance with a provision of up to £5,000,000 a copy of which is available. The emphasis with all the guidelines is on conducting the training safely so giving the dog and everyone else a positive experience.

Some examples of our safety procedures are;

Ensure any person on the shoreline and working in the water or on the boat is wearing a buoyancy aid / life Jacket.

Only train one dog at a time. A dog will wear a harness or a buoyancy aid to assist the dog if in any difficulties.

The dog will be stewarded by a handler/ steward on the shoreline and at least one steward in the water.

If the boat is used it is manned by a boat handler and safety steward. The inflatable boat is powered by an electric motor which is disengaged and lifted out of the water if any person or dog is near the boat.

Any dog attending the activity must be on a lead and supervised when not training.

These are some examples of the regulations we follow to ensure all people and dogs attending or observing the activities are safe.

We would very much like to be able to use the lake at Pickmere for training possibly one Saturday per month. The scenery is so attractive and the facility ideal for the training. We would aim to set up for 10.30 and finish about 4.30.

We put great emphasis on not impacting an area in a detrimental way so would aim to keep any barking to a minimum for example which is achieved by ensuring each dog is attended to when not training by sharing the supervision. We ensure any doggy doodles are dealt with promptly. The members and dogs not training would be able to watch from the banking overlooking the lake and not block the footpath or impede or disturb anyone using the area.

I have included a couple of photos to give some impression of what a great spectacle the water training is. Leonberger's are gentle giants. They are an attractive dog with warm gentle personalities so anyone watching the training would be entertained. We train Leonberger's of all ages and abilities, the puppies are particularly spirited showing no fear in rescuing people and even the boat.

If there is any further information required before the meeting please let me know. Rosie Bennett will be attending the meeting on Tuesday 4th and will be able to answer any questions.

We thank you for considering our application and look forward to your decision.

Pickmere Parish Council Meeting 4 October 2016
Item 7



This is Cooper towing in the boat.



This is Jessica rescuing a swimmer.

