

Business Starter Guide For Dog Walking

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So, you've decided to start your own dog walking business for our furriest friends — that's awesome! Have fun — and you might even make some money while you're at it.



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Open your dog walking business in four easy steps.



1. Spread the word.

Set up posters in the neighborhood and hand out flyers door-to-door to promote yourself and your business.

- If it's a rainy day, have a squeaky toy or a rope and have some fun inside!



2. Gather everything you'll need to walk dogs.

Purchase a leash and dog toys. And don't forget that our furry friends like to leave little "presents" along the way. Make sure you have baggies and a pooper scooper to clean it up!



3. Price your services.

Think about the costs of running your business to make sure you'll earn enough to make money.



4. Set a schedule.

Organize your appointment schedule. Give yourself enough time to walk each dog and a little extra to get to your next appointment! Manage your customer information. You can use these emails or phone numbers to reconnect with your customers in the following years!

Make your business pawfect!

- Who doesn't love a clean pooch? Go the extra step and give the dog a bath. But remember, always ask the owner for permission first!
- Create a "doggie bag". Decorate a small brown bag with doggie stamps and the name of the pet. Put a few bones in the bag and give it to the owner as you return their beloved pooch!!

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Business Starter Guide For Yard Work

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So, you've decided to start your own yard work business — that's awesome! Have fun — and you might even make some money while you're at it.



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Open your yard work business in four easy steps.



1. Spread the word.

Set up posters in the neighborhood and hand out flyers door-to-door to promote yourself and your business.

- Advertising a discount for referrals can earn you additional business!



2. Gather your gardening tools.

Borrow or purchase any lawn equipment you will need for your business, such as a rake, shovel and gardening gloves.



3. Price your services.

Think about the costs of running your business to make sure you'll earn enough to make money.



4. Set a schedule.

Organize your appointment schedule. Give yourself enough time at each job location! Manage your customer information. You can use these emails or phone numbers to reconnect with your customers in the following years!

Make your business extra special!

- Invite your friends or siblings to get in on the action. You'll have to split profits, but you can do more yard work in a shorter amount of time.
- Don't forget a broom! Cleaning up all of the yard trimmings will make your customer's yard shine - and you will too!

Don't forget the H2O!

Bring plenty of water with you to keep from becoming dehydrated.



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Business Starter Guide For Babysitting

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So, you've decided to start your own babysitting business—that's awesome! Have fun—and you might even make some money while you're at it.



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Open your babysitting business in five easy steps.



1. Decide what to charge per hour.

Think about: how many kids does the family have?
How old are the kids you will be watching?

- If you have never babysat before, make sure to take a class or tag-along with an older sibling or friend as they babysit. Many local hospitals offer babysitting courses.



2. Spread the word.

Make a flyer to deliver to neighbors! Ask your parent or guardian to tell their friends or share on Facebook.



3. Make a plan.

How will you get to and from jobs?



4. Make a babysitting bag.

Put together a bag of fun activities to do with the kids. Some ideas include arts and crafts, easy science experiments, magic tricks or coloring books.



5. Follow up.

After your first job with a new family, thank them and ask how you did. Did the kids have fun, do they have advice for next time?

Make your business extra special!

- Take first aid classes. It never hurts to know what to do in an emergency. Be sure to let potential customers know about your skills!
- Ask to arrive early to meet the kids before you watch them for the first time. This will make everyone more comfortable – parents, kids and you!
- Keep it clean. Make sure to clean up after the kids and have them help if they're old enough.
- Do not forget that you are in charge while you are the babysitter, and do not invite your friends over.

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Need an activity idea?
Don't forget to bring
the coloring pages and
crayons you got at your
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Business Starter Guide For Your Lemonade Stand

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So, you've decided to start your own lemonade stand—that's awesome! Have fun—and you might even make some money while you're at it.



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Open your lemonade stand in six easy steps.



1. Decide when and where to open your stand.

Take advantage of any neighborhood events that are planned—or some hot weather in the forecast!



2. Price your lemonade.

Remember to think about the costs of making and selling lemonade so you can make money.



3. Create your lemonade stand.

Keep it simple or make it fancy—just remember to include a sign with the price!



4. Spread the word.

Set up signs in the neighborhood and invite your friends!



5. Make your lemonade.

Make it early and keep it in the refrigerator so that it stays cold.



6. Gather your supplies and start selling.

Don't forget the ice, cups, napkins and your Money Making FUNdamentals money envelope with extra money to make change.

- Tip! Freeze lemonade in ice cube trays and use as ice cubes to keep the lemonade from getting watered down.



**Make your business extra special!
If you or a friend likes to bake, you can sell cookies or other treats.**

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Business Starter Guide For A Car Wash

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So, you've decided to start your own car wash business—that's awesome! Have fun—and you might even make some money while you're at it.



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Open your car wash business in four easy steps.



1. Spread the word.

Set up posters in the neighborhood and hand out flyers door-to-door.

- Make sure you know how to wash cars. Offer to practice on your parents or guardian's car first!



2. Decide when and where you will wash cars.

Make sure to pick a location that is easy to get to and has access to a hose and a drain.



3. Price your car wash.

Think about the costs of running your business to make sure you'll earn enough to make money.



4. Gather your supplies and start washing cars.

Make sure to keep extra rags, sponges and dry towels handy.

Make your business extra special!

- Invite your friends or siblings to get in on the action. You'll have to split profits, but you can wash more cars in a shorter amount of time.
- Can you borrow a handheld vacuum? Offer to clean the inside of cars.

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