

Tuckered Out Dog Walking Selected by Three Best Rated for Richmond

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Tuckered Out Dog Walking announced today its selection by Three Best Rated as one of the three top dog walking services in Richmond, Virginia, for 2026. The recognition follows an independent review by the Three Best Rated inspection team, which evaluates local businesses on a 50-point scale covering reviews, ratings, history, complaints, satisfaction, trust, cost, and general excellence.

Three Best Rated has spotlighted top local businesses across North America since 2014. Inclusion in a city listing is limited to three businesses per category, and the selection process is conducted without paid placement. Tuckered Out Dog Walking received a Three Best Rated inspection score of 114 out of 120 points, with full or near-full marks for legitimate ratings, business images, current evaluation, and service accuracy. The company is one of three local dog walking businesses included in the 2026 list for the area.

Tuckered Out Dog Walking was founded in 2021 by Austin Tuck and now operates with a team of ten W-2 employees. Every member of the walking team completes a background check before training begins, followed by a structured curriculum that covers canine body language, force-free handling methods, safety protocols, and Pet Pro Hero certified CPR and first aid. The training totals roughly twenty-four hours across orientation, supervised field shifts, and online modules through Pet Sitters International.

"Earning a spot on the Three Best Rated list reflects the work our team puts in every single day, and the trust our clients place in us with their dogs," said Austin Tuck, founder of Tuckered Out Dog Walking. "We built the company around the idea that professional dog care should feel calm, predictable, and rooted in how dogs actually communicate. Seeing that work recognized by an independent inspection team means a great deal."

A defining feature of the company is its same-day booking capability. While most dog walking services in the area require two or three days of advance notice, Tuckered Out can typically accommodate walk requests within a two-hour window for existing clients following an initial Meet & Greet. The structure has proven

especially valuable for medical professionals, shift workers, and pet parents whose schedules shift on short notice. New clients can complete a same-day Meet & Greet and begin scheduled walks the following day.

The company also operates a sponsored shelter walking program in partnership with Richmond Animal Care & Control. Team members donate walks and field trips to shelter dogs awaiting adoption, with the goal of reducing kennel stress, improving observed behavior in adoption profiles, and increasing visibility for dogs who might otherwise be overlooked. The program has logged hundreds of outings since its launch, and the company maintains an ongoing commitment to expanding it.

All members of the walking team work under the company's force-free, positive reinforcement philosophy. The approach avoids aversive equipment and confrontational handling, prioritizing instead the observation of body language, gradual exposure, and mutually reinforcing routines. The lead trainer for the company holds a Fear Free Certified Professional credential, and Fear Free principles are integrated into every walker's onboarding.

"The local pet community has shaped how we hire, how we train, and how we show up for the dogs in our care," Tuck added. "We are grateful for the recognition, and we plan to keep raising the bar for what professional dog walking can look like."

Walk options range from twenty-minute neighborhood walks to ninety-minute field trips at parks and trails throughout the service area. The company also offers enrichment visits and specialty packages designed for puppies, senior dogs, and dogs returning from a shelter or rescue placement. The service area covers zip codes throughout the city as well as west-end Henrico County.

Tuckered Out Dog Walking is rated 5.0 stars across its Google Business Profile and maintains transparent pricing on its website. Clients interested in scheduling a Meet & Greet, learning more about the team, or reading the company's blog on dog behavior, training, and local trail recommendations can visit Tuckered Out Dog Walking online or contact the office during business hours.

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