# Checklist For Starting a **Dog Walking Business**

#### **Market Analysis**

- O Identify potential client base
- Study local competition
- Assess pricing models
- Determine service area
- Gauge demand for extra services

#### **Business Planning**

- O Develop a detailed business plan
- Establish financial goals
- Choose a business structure
- Use Lean Canvas Generator
- Plan for growth and scalability

#### Legal and Insurance

- Obtain permits and licenses
- Register the business name
- O Purchase liability insurance
- Draft client service agreements
- Understand pet custody laws

# **Operational Setup**

- Choose a scheduling system
- Set up payment methods
- Organize client and pet records
- O Acquire dog walking gear
- Implement safety protocols

## Marketing and Branding

- Create a compelling brand identity
- O Build a professional website
- O Utilize social media for promotion
- O Design business cards and flyers
- Network with local pet businesses

## **Client Relations**

- Develop service policies
- Provide clear communication
- Offer flexible scheduling
- Maintain high service standards
- Gather and act on client feedback

#### Go-to Resources for Starting a Dog Breeding Business

# Safety and Training Management Tools Business & Accounting • Pet Tech • Time To Pet • ZenBusiness • DogTec • Pet Sitter Plus • Northwest Registered Agent • FreshBooks • MyCorporation



\*All of the resources are clickable links