

To whom it may concern,

I would like to highly recommend Christina Ihm for her services as a dog care provider. My experience working with her at my company, Citizen Hound, offered me the ability to see very clearly her wonderful personality, professionalism, applied knowledge, and unmistakable natural prowess for working with dogs.

I own a dog walking business here in San Francisco that walks 80 dogs a day off leash at Crissy Field. Chris was able to save my sanity, stepping in during a rocky period where two employees back to back suffered health problems that abruptly ended their time with us, and left us shaken and scrambling to fill their shoes so that we could continue to operate. Chris was set on beginning her own business, but was able to offer a month. She not only stepped up to the challenge, but with amazing confidence, enthusiasm, and a terrific attitude. In no time at all she had packs of dogs she had never met before wrapped around her little finger. I was thrilled with how hands off I was able to be with her simply because it was so apparent that she had everything handled. I have never seen another walker so successfully command the attention of some of the more difficult dogs she walked while she was with us.

Through my years as a dog walker and business owner I've met countless other professional walkers, I've seen many people start their careers in this field, and I have trained 10 new dog walkers myself. I so rarely see someone who comes into the field with as much ability to apply the science of dog training, with a focus on positive reward based approaches, so effortlessly into her walking day. She's a natural. However rare that is, I have never ever seen someone with such skill have such an awesome personality along with it. She is a dog person *and* a people person! Chris was an absolute pleasure to work with, and a breath of fresh air. She's smart, witty, and extremely pleasant. All of my clients who met her thought the exact same thing, which meant the world to me.

From someone who not only owns a large and successful dog walking operation here in San Francisco, but more importantly, someone who owns a dog, I believe that if you are considering Christina Ihm for your pet care you should look no further. I would be thrilled if she was my dog walker!

Sincerely,

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