



Cairngorms Capercaillie Project

Badenoch & Strathspey Dog Walker Listening Sessions Summary

September 2022

Objectives & Methodology

As an independent third-party, Wild Thinking was employed by the Cairngorms Capercaillie Project from July - August 2022 to listen to and encourage canine professionals to speak freely and openly about all issues experienced by the dog walking community in Badenoch and Strathspey, i.e. not just issues related to disturbance of capercaillie by dogs.

Wild Thinking conducted 12 individual listening sessions, each lasting up to an hour and a half. Participants included dog walkers, dog trainers, a vet, a provider of equipment for dogs and their owners, dog breeders, a huntsman, dog sitters, a guide dog owner and people who use dogs for fieldwork.

The graph overleaf summarises the views shared by all participants. If a participant made a comment relating to a theme, then this was recorded and displayed in the graph only once. The maximum that could therefore be recorded for each theme is 12.

Key Themes

