

## Hot weather policy

The extreme heat can pose challenges for dogs and the welfare of your pet is my priority. Dogs do however still require exercise and a dog left alone may be lonely or destructive.



If temperatures look to be high, I will contact you the night before to give you a choice of:

- A) an early morning walk before it gets too hot.
- B) A pop in visit to play with your dog in your garden, a very short walk (as long as the pavements are safe for them to walk on) to allow them to go to the toilet, check that they have enough fresh water and give them some enrichment play and company.
- C) Have a shorter walk in a shady area, this may mean taking your pet away from our usual walking areas.

No matter what your choice I will:

- 1. **Carry Pet Care Essentials:** Always have an adequate supply of water to keep your pets hydrated which is essential in hot weather.
- 2. **Be aware of the signs that your pet is overheating:**



For further information on walking and caring for pets in hot weather, we recommend the following resources:

- Dog's Trust - Warm weather advice
- RSPCA - Dog care in summer
- The Kennel Club – Walking your dog on warm days
- PDSA – How to keep your dog cool in summer