
Hot Weather Walk Policy

How we keep dogs safe when the forecast climbs

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On hot days we don't guess. We work from written thresholds, cross-checked every morning between The Weather Network and the Government of Canada forecast for Whistler. If the two disagree, we plan for the hotter one.

What we do, by temperature

Forecast high (sunny)	What we do
Under 26°C	Normal walks, normal duration.
26°C+	The walker can cut the walk short at their discretion — the person on the trail can feel the heat and read the dog.
29°C+	Both walk groups move to the cooler morning window.
32°C+	Afternoon walks cancelled. Morning walks run, but kept short.

The hot-day schedule

At 29°C and above we run a modified schedule so every dog is off the trail before the heat turns unsafe. You'll get a message from us the afternoon before, so nothing about your morning is a surprise.

Service	Pickup	Drop-off	Time on trail
Morning group walk	7:30–8:30 AM	9:30–10:30 AM	60 mins
Afternoon group walk	10:30–11:30 AM	12:30–1:30 PM	60 mins
Private and Bestie walks	About an hour earlier than usual	—	45–60 mins

If we cancel

When a walk is cancelled for heat, you are never charged. We offer a short private neighbourhood walk in its place, so a dog home alone still gets out to relieve themselves, top up water, and settle until their family is home.

What the walker carries either way

Fresh water and bowls at every stop, and more of it than we think we'll need. Shaded and water-access routes are chosen ahead of time on warm days. Every trail walker holds DogSafe canine first aid certification and carries a full canine trauma kit, so heat stress gets recognised early and treated on the spot.

Why we call it early

Dogs don't sweat the way we do, and a dog having a good time on a trail will keep going well past the point that's safe for them. Flat-faced breeds, older dogs, very young dogs, and heavy-coated northern breeds tip over sooner than the rest. A short, safe walk beats a heat emergency every time, so when it's marginal, we make the cautious call.

Questions about how this applies to your dog? Email us at hi@doggytaleswhistler.com and we'll talk it through.