



# Operation – Summer

We are constantly reminded of the extreme weather events Melbourne experiences. Coming into the hottest and driest season of the year we have to take extra care of our furry friends. 'Operation Snake Season' is one measure we have put in place as a result of the hotter months ahead.

This document aims to provide a clear outline of how we will be tackling the summer and the heat that it brings. The safety of your pooches takes priority at all costs.

## **Extreme Heat**

When a heat wave is upon us, we will be constantly updating ourselves on the latest weather advice from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)

The forecasted temperature and UV rating will determine whether we will run our adventures. It will be a judgement call by our team on a daily basis. The safety of our team is also factored into these decisions.

BOM provide forecasts with hourly temperatures. This means in some cases we will be able to run morning sessions, however, in that same day it may not be safe to run the afternoon session and vice versa.

As a general rule temperatures above 32 degrees are unlikely to run.

## **What steps will we be taking to keep your dog's safe?**

1. Fully airconditioned vehicles. The air-conditioner is not limited to the front cabins, air flow makes its way to the back cabin.
2. Access to drinking water. We will arm ourselves with large water tanks so we can have regular drink breaks.
3. Access to swimming water. Where it is safe to do so, the dogs will be given the opportunity to swim.
4. Spray bottles. We'll be carrying spray bottles to cool down the dogs where necessary.
5. First aid- Our team are all pet first aid trained meaning if a dog is heat effected, we can provide first aid.
6. Not over working the dogs- Most of our dog's love chasing after a ball, stick or frisbee, however, we will keep this to a minimum to ensure they aren't exhausting themselves in hotter temperatures.

It is likely sessions will be cancelled/ postponed at short notice due to the weather. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

If you have any specific concerns related to your pooch and the summer ahead, please get in touch.