



BARKCATION BABO HOME BOARDING RISK ASSESSMENT

HAZARD NO	HAZARD DESCRIPTION	RISK MITIGATION	ACTION TAKEN IF INCIDENT SHOULD OCCUR
1	Dog biting an adult or child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Owners are informed that there are young children in the household. •Dogs temperament towards children will be assessed at our meet & greet. •Item 2 of our terms & conditions state "<i>My dog is child friendly and has no history of aggression towards humans of any age</i>". •Children will not be left with a dog unsupervised. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Secure the dog to prevent further incidents. •Stay calm and use distractions (toy, ball etc) to get the dog back on a lead if they aren't. •Once the dog is secured, help the injured person as much as possible. •Exchange contact details with the injured person. •Make a factual record of the circumstances and exchange contact details with any witnesses.
2	Dog being attacked by another dog / animal or attacking another dog / animal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In the exercise section of our registration form we state "<i>For the safety of your dog, they will always be walked on a lead unless requested otherwise by you. In this case they must have a good temperament towards other dogs and excellent recall</i>". •Owners will be asked about the dog's temperament towards other dogs when on / off the lead at our meet & greet. •Dogs will always be walked on a lead if around livestock or any "trigger" species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Secure the dog to prevent further incidents / injury. •Stay calm and use distractions (toy, ball etc) to get the dog back on a lead if they aren't. •Once the dog is secured, help the injured dog / animal as much as possible. •Exchange contact details with the owner of other the dog / animal. •Make a factual record of the circumstances and exchange contact details with any witnesses.
3	Dog ingests foreign object / poisonous substance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In the exercise section of our registration form we state "<i>For the safety of your dog, they will always be walked on a lead unless requested otherwise by you. In this case they must have a good temperament towards other dogs and excellent recall</i>". •Dogs history of eating foreign objects and risk of ingesting poisonous substances (mushrooms, slugs etc) will be discussed with owners at our meet and greet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In the instance that a foreign object or suspected poisonous substance is ingested, veterinary advise / care will be sought.
4	Running loose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Our back garden is fully enclosed with an access gate at either side. A secondary gate has been installed in the case that the access gate is left open. •Item 3 of our terms & conditions state "<i>My dog is fully insured, microchipped and has a dog tag detailing the owners name, address, and phone number</i>". •In the exercise section of our registration form we state "<i>For the safety of your dog, they will always be walked on a lead unless requested otherwise by you. In this case they must have a good temperament towards other dogs and excellent recall</i>". 	<p>In the event that a dog runs loose and cannot be found we will -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Inform the owner •Search the local area & buildings •Seek the assistance of neighbours and fellow dog walkers •Contact local authority Dog Warden •Contact local kennels, rehoming centres & vets •Contact microchip database & DogLost •Use noticeboards, registers & social media
5	Injury or death of a dog through injury whilst in our care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Our registration form has been written with the dogs best interest at heart and to mitigate such accidents from occurring. •We have risk mitigation actions in place for hazards 2, 3 & 4 of which, out with any medical conditions, pose the most threat to the wellbeing of a dog whilst in our care. •Item 7 of our terms & conditions state "<i>I authorise Barkcation Babo to call a veterinary surgeon of my behalf in the case of an emergency whereby I cannot be contacted</i>". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Inform the owner •Seek veterinary advise / care •Inform local authority
5	Death of a dog through ill health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Under the medical history / hygiene requirements section of our registration form, we specifically ask for details of any current / ongoing medical conditions. •We will not board a dog with a terminal illness if the owner is not able to reach our home / veterinary surgery within 2 hours. We have experience of this ourselves. •Item 7 of our terms & conditions state "<i>I authorise Barkcation Babo to call a veterinary surgeon of my behalf in the case of an emergency whereby I cannot be contacted</i>". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Inform the owner •Seek veterinary advise / care •Inform local authority

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