



## Here are some of our most frequently asked questions about the Wag Walk event.

### What should I bring with me on the day?

Food and water for yourself and your dog, poo bags, tissues, hand sanitiser, suitably warm and waterproof clothing and footwear, and your mobile phone for emergencies and in case you need to contact us/ we need to contact you while on the walk. We will have refreshments on the event field, so we recommend bringing some money with you.

### Where is the nearest car park?

The car park is on the Bath Cats and Dogs Home field, which is between our main buildings and Claverton Down Road. It's also located next to the University Sports Playing Field near the entrance of the University campus (please see Map attached). Access is through a large wooden gate on Claverton Down Road.

We will have car park marshals on the day directing traffic into the car park, so look out for the high vis for where to go. Please do try and car share where possible.

### Can I take public transport to the site?

Yes, there are a few buses which run from the centre of Bath to the University area, all of which are listed on the First Bus website [www.firstbus.co.uk](http://www.firstbus.co.uk). The most regular bus to the Home is the U1.

### What if I'm late on the day?

Our walks will set off in groups, so if you miss the start time there will be slightly later groups to join. If you're running more than 20 minutes late we will do our best to get you out on the route as soon as possible, however, we cannot guarantee that this will be possible. Registration will open at 9am, and be open until 9.45am, ready to start the walk at 10am.

### Will there be access to water for my dog on route?

Limited water points will be located throughout the walks; however, we recommend that you also bring your own water and bowl along for back up.

### Are there any food or drinks on sale at Bath Cats and Dogs Home or on the walking routes?

There will be refreshments available to purchase at the starting point (in the events field). There will be teas, coffees, squash, biscuits and crisps available to purchase for an additional charge. Water will also be available (for humans and dogs). There are no shops or places to buy food and drink on the walking routes so do bring your own for the walk, there is also a possibility for a picnic at the main city viewpoint during the 5-mile route.

### Is the walk accessible?

The 5-mile walk contains some rough terrain, steep hill climbs and some areas of gravel under foot, so a good level of fitness is required, and care will need to be taken at certain points. The 2-mile walk is a flat route and stays close to the Home avoiding crossing busy roads – however, it is still off the path, and so may not be suitable for all.

### Can children take part?

The routes include some steep hill climbs and scrambly parts, so a level of fitness is needed. There are a small number of busy roads to cross so it's imperative that children stay with their parents or carers and aren't allowed to run ahead to ensure they can cross safely.

### Are there toilet facilities?

There will be toilet facilities available on the field by the car park at the starting / ending point, but none provided on the routes.

### Where can I get sponsorship forms?

You will have a form in your pack which will be sent out after registration. If you want more, please contact Katy from our fundraising team on [katygoodship@bcdh.org.uk](mailto:katygoodship@bcdh.org.uk) or Laura on [laurataylor@bcdh.org.uk](mailto:laurataylor@bcdh.org.uk) and we will send one to you. We also recommend setting up a fundraising page online at Just Giving here [www.justgiving.com/campaign/wagwalk2023](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/wagwalk2023)

### When does my sponsorship money need to be in by?

Any money that you've raised on JustGiving will come through to us automatically, please set up your JustGiving page to close four weeks after the event, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you've been raising money with a paper sponsorship form then we ask that you return the donations to us as soon as you have collected them, ideally within 4 weeks after the event date. Further information about getting these funds to us can be found in your fundraising pack.

### What happens if I don't complete my walk?

If you don't complete the walk that is fine, and many people will be happy to sponsor you for your efforts for Bath Cats & Dogs Home. We would encourage participants to only sign up to walk the length they feel comfortable with and be aware of the distance the walks cover.

All participants need to be checked back in as they complete the walk, so if you or someone with you decides on route not to finish the walk, please contact the Event Manager (a number will be provided prior to the event) so we can mark you as completed and accounted for you and your party at the end of the event.

### What if I don't finish my fundraising in time?

You can continue fundraising up to four weeks after the event has taken place.

### What do I do if I have an emergency or accident on the walk?

Marshals will be stationed at various points along the route, so if you are able to seek help from them, please do. We will provide an emergency phone number and guidance on the day, so you have someone to call. There will also be a First Aider on the main Bath Cats & Dogs Home site

and a First Aid Point and Lost Child Meeting Point stationed at the sign in and out tent on the main event field which will be clearly signposted.

**What if one of our party gets lost or we find a lost child or vulnerable adult on the walk?**

Please call the Event Manager (a number will be provided prior to the event). We will issue a contact number and procedure to each walker on sign out on the day of the event. We have a lost child process to ensure that marshals support a search after you have alerted the authorities. There is a Lost Child Meeting Point on the field at the start / end point.

**Can I let my dog off its lead at all on the walk?**

Dogs **must** be kept on a lead on the Bath Cats & Dogs Home field and for the duration of the walk as there might be cattle in the fields on route and some dogs attending the walk may be nervous around other dogs.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at [katygoodship@bcdh.org.uk](mailto:katygoodship@bcdh.org.uk) or [laurataylor@bcdh.org.uk](mailto:laurataylor@bcdh.org.uk) or by calling our team on 01225 787335.