Dog Walking Checklist

• <u>Your Dog</u>

I know this goes without saying, but before going on a walk with your dog, make sure your dog is ready and excited for the walk. If they aren't it can lead to a not so enjoyable walk.

• Collar and Leash

Again, this is pretty obvious, but be sure to bring the collar and leash that best fits your dog. Make sure they are both the right size so that your dog is comfortable throughout the walk. If the dog is uncomfortable there is a higher chance of the dog tugging and pulling on the leash.

• <u>Tags</u>

These should be on your dog's collar. Tags will help if your dog runs off by allowing the person who finds them to have the address and phone number of where the dog comes from. This will hopefully not happen, but it is always good to be prepared for the worst.

• <u>Water</u>

Lots and lots of water. Use it to prevent dehydration in both you and your dog, especially on a sunny day. Dehydration can happen to anyone so be sure to be prepared to beat the heat with some water!

• <u>Bags</u>

Bring little bags with you in case your dogs needs to use the bathroom. You can hope it doesn't happen, but if it does be prepared to clean up after your dog. There are even products out there that make cute doggie pick-up bags in order for the experience to be a tad less disgusting.

• Phone

It is always good to have your phone with you in case anything goes wrong during your walk. It is also nice to have if you want to listen to music while walking or take pictures to have or to post on social media!