

Muddy Dog Challenge rules



General

All participants and spectators must abide by these rules and any instructions or regulations displayed or given on the day of the event by Police and officials.

1. Entry fees are non-refundable.
2. Entries cannot be accepted on the day to help ensure that the event is safe. We have an allocated capacity that the team must adhere to and the contact details for all participants must be held in advance in the case of an emergency.
3. All participants, volunteers and spectators agree that they are happy for their names and any video footage, stills or photographs taken during the events to be used to publicise Muddy Dog Challenge for commercial and fundraising purposes including, but not limited to, television broadcasts, advertising, publications, marketing material, personalised direct mail and other documents that may be made available to the public.
4. All participants must write the name and number of a person to contact in case of an emergency and details of anything that should be considered in the event of a medical emergency (such as medication being taken) on the reverse of their official race number, which must be worn on the front of shirts during the event.
5. In the case of an emergency Battersea Dogs & Cats Home may use the emergency contact details you provided to us at sign up and/or the emergency contact details on the reverse of your official race number.
6. Any participant unsure of their physical ability to take part in an event should take medical advice from a General Practitioner prior to the event. Pregnant women or those who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not take part. Those with asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, a heart condition or any other medical condition which may be restrictive to their participation in this event should consult their General Practitioner prior to signing up for the challenge. You are strongly advised not to participate if you are or have recently been suffering from a cold or flu symptoms.
7. All participants enter Muddy Dog Challenge entirely at their own risk. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss howsoever suffered by participants as a result of their participation other than in respect of death or personal injury arising as a result of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home's negligence.
8. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home takes all reasonable steps to minimise the risk of injury to participants during this event. There is a stringent risk assessment process in place that aims to minimise or eliminate the risk to everyone taking part. However, by taking part in Muddy Dog Challenge, you acknowledge that there may be conditions or circumstances beyond our control that can lead to unforeseen risks. If you have any concerns or queries please contact us before agreeing to take part in the event.

Entry rules for Muddy Dog Challenge

1. Please note that participants must be at least 18 years old on the day of the event to take part.
2. We ask that every adult participant raises a minimum of £100 in sponsorship for the Home. Any monies raised in connection with Muddy Dog Challenge is held on trust for Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and must be passed to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. We ask that you do this as soon as practicable after the event.
You can:
 - Pay via your **Muddy Dog Challenge Justgiving page**
 - Pay over the phone by credit or debit card by calling **020 7622 3626**
 - Send a cheque payable to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home to
**Muddy Dog Challenge
Battersea Dogs & Cats Home
4 Battersea Park Road
London
SW8 4AA**
3. You have a legal responsibility to ensure that all sponsorship monies/donations received by you for Muddy Dog Challenge are paid to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. Please ensure that all sponsorship forms are returned to us to enable us to claim Gift Aid where possible.
4. All participants must abide by any rules, instructions and regulations displayed or given on the day of the event by police and officials.
5. Unfortunately, the course is not suitable for mobility scooters or wheelchairs.
6. For safety reasons participants arriving late must abide by the instructions and decisions of the Event Manager or their representative at the admin tent.
7. We reserve the right to reduce or alter the event course to accommodate any unexpected complications on the day that may have an impact on Battersea Dogs & Cats Home staff, participants, volunteers and spectators.
8. Participants' supporters and family members spectate at Muddy Dog Challenge entirely at their own risk. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss suffered by spectators.
9. Participants must select from two distances when they register, either 2.5km or 5km.
10. Start times will vary according to the type of dog entered. Participants will set off in 10 minute waves between 09:30am and approximately 5pm. Final wave times will be given to you nearer to the event day.

On the day

1. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home asks that all participants along with their supporters refrain from smoking at the events.

2. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home asks that all participants along with their supporters do not use aggressive or abusive language or behaviour towards our organisers and volunteers.
3. Participants can take part with a dog as the course has been specially modified, however they must abide by the Rules for Dogs. There shall be no more than one dog per handler at any time on the course.
4. First aid facilities and emergency veterinary cover will be provided at the event. Participants consent to their details (which will be obtained by medical providers if participants are treated by them at an event) being passed to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. Battersea Dogs & Cats shall only use these details for administration and health and safety purposes and to fulfil its legal obligations, including those under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995. All medical details will be securely held by Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. The information will be handled in accordance with the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

5. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home reserves the right to remove any person or dog from the course should they break the rules or be considered a danger to other participants or spectators.

Filming and photography at the event

1. By taking part, all participants, volunteers and spectators agree that they are happy for their names and any video footage, stills or photographs taken during the events to be used by Battersea Dogs & Cats Home (and our authorised service providers and agents) for commercial and/or fundraising purposes including but not limited to television broadcasts, advertising, publications, marketing material, merchandising, personalised direct mail and other documents that may be made available to the public.
2. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and its authorised partners may appoint third party photographers to take photographs at the events. All participants agree that their photographs may be sent to them, to other people featured in their photographs and to children's parents/legal guardians where children are featured in their photos.

Entry rules for dogs

- You must pick up after your dog
- We strongly recommend that dogs are on a harness rather than a collar and must be kept on a lead at all times
- You must be in control of your dog at all times
- One dog only per person
- Multiple dogs are allowed per group (as long as team can prove all dogs know each other and are comfortable in each other's presence)
- Positive reinforcement is encouraged to get your dog around the course and if your dog is having problems with an obstacle then we advise you to avoid it
- The most important thing is that the dogs and humans enjoy the challenge so if your dog becomes anxious or stressed in any way we reserve the right to remove your dog from the course
- We advise that dogs do not eat their morning meal before the challenge but are given food afterwards
- Owners enter themselves and their dogs at their own risk, therefore Battersea is not liable for any injuries or harm sustained as a result of taking part in the Muddy Dog Challenge, including those or that caused by natural water and/or mud at the events. We will have first aid on site for humans. We will also have a vet on site for dogs but in the unlikely event of an emergency, you will need to visit your local vets practice. Please avoid any obstacles you are uncomfortable with.

Muddy Dog Challenge check list



Your dog must be...

- At least one year old
- Fit and healthy*
- Sociable with other dogs and humans
- Willing and able to complete the course
- Not in season
- On a lead **at all times**
- Fully vaccinated to reduce risk of spreading infection
- Kept hydrated throughout the challenge
- Wearing a collar with a clearly identifiable tag

*if your dog is deemed fit and healthy in general it can compete in the challenge. Please consider the dogs age and ability to get round the course. It is not recommended if your dog has any medical condition where over exertion is not advised. If in doubt speak to your veterinarian for advice.

We reserve the right to refuse entry to any dog or owner we do not deem to meet the specified requirements

Battersea Dogs & Cats home will use the information you have provided to contact you with fundraising and training tips as well as information about Muddy Dog Challenge.

It is vital for the dogs and cats in our care that we can communicate with our supporters. Battersea Dogs & Cats Home and Battersea Dogs & Cats Home Ltd would like to keep you up to date about the work we are doing, to tell you about the amazing difference you have made and how your financial support can help more animals. We will only do this if you tell us that you are happy for us to contact you for this purpose, and have supplied your postal address, telephone number, mobile number or email for us to do so. You

do not have to provide this information for marketing purposes and you can remove or change any of these preferences at any time.

We respect your right of privacy and to have your data kept securely. We may use your data for profiling, targeting and research purposes. We will never exchange, sell or rent your data. If you want to change how and when we contact you, just let us know at any time by contacting Supporter Services on:

Phone: 020 7627 7883 Email: fundraising@battersea.org.uk
Post: Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA