

General Rules of Entry

1. Participants must pick up after their dog - please bring poo bags with you on the day
2. We strongly recommend that dogs are on a harness rather than a collar and must be kept on a lead at all times - please do not use a flexi-lead
3. Participants must be in control of your dog at all times
4. Do not leave children in charge of your dog at any time
5. All dogs must be up to date with routine vaccinations.
6. Positive reinforcement, such as reward based encouragement, is advised to get dogs around the course. If a dog is having problems with an obstacle then we advise the participant to avoid it
7. The most important thing is that dogs and humans enjoy the challenge so if a dog becomes anxious or stressed in any way we reserve the right to remove any dog from the course
8. 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 Mutts Dog Walk for commercial and fundraising purposes including, but not limited to, television broadcasts, advertising, publications, marketing material including social media, personalised direct mail and other documents that may be made available to the public.
9. 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 official signing in sheet.
10. In the case of an emergency Animals in Distress may use the emergency contact details participants provided to us at sign up.
11. 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 affect their ability to participate in this event should consult their General Practitioner prior to signing up for the challenge. Participants are strongly advised not to participate if they are or have recently been suffering from a cold or flu symptoms.
12. All participants and their dogs enter Muddy Mutts Dog Walk entirely at their own risk. Animals in Distress shall not be liable for any injury, death, damage or loss howsoever suffered by participants or their dogs as a result of their participation.
13. Animals in Distress 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 Mutts Dog Walk, all participants 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 the Fundraising Team before agreeing to take part in the event.

14. 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 Animals in Distress staff, participants, volunteers, spectators and/or dogs.
15. Participants' supporters and family members spectate at the Muddy Mutts Dog Walk entirely at their own risk. Animals in Distress shall not be liable for any injury, death, damage or loss howsoever suffered by spectators.

Disclaimer

Owners enter themselves and their dogs at their own risk, therefore, Animals in Distress is not liable for any injuries or harm sustained as a result of taking part in the Muddy Mutts Sponsored Walk, including those or that caused by natural water and/or mud at the event. 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 either your own local, or a nearby, vets practice. Details of a nearby vets will be available at the vets marquee on the day. Please always avoid any obstacles you or your dog are uncomfortable with.

**Thank you for your support and
enjoy the event.**