



# MUDDY DOG

A BATTERSEA 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 including social media, 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 (this cannot be someone that is taking part in the event with the participant) 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 may use the emergency contact details participants provided to us at sign up and/or the emergency contact details on the reverse of their 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 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.
7. All participants enter Muddy Dog Challenge entirely at their own risk. Battersea shall not be liable for any injury, death, damage or loss howsoever suffered by participants as a result of their participation other than in respect of any injury, death, damage or loss arising as a result of Battersea's negligence.

8. Battersea 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, all participants acknowledge that there may be conditions or circumstances beyond Battersea's control that can lead to unforeseen risks. If you have any concerns or queries please contact the Muddy Dog team 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 human participant raises a minimum of £100 in sponsorship for the Battersea. Any money raised in connection with the Muddy Dog Challenge is held on trust for Battersea and must be passed to Battersea. We ask that all participants do this as soon as possible after the event. We ask that all sponsorship money be passed to Battersea within one month following the event. All sponsorship money raised will go towards the running of Battersea/our three centres.

You can:

- Pay via your Muddy Dog Challenge JustGiving page.
  - Pay over the phone by credit or debit card by calling 020 7627 7883.
  - Send a cheque payable to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home to Muddy Dog Challenge, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, 4 Battersea Park Road, London, SW8 4AA.
  - Send an online transfer – please contact the Muddy Dog Challenge team for details.
3. All participants have a legal responsibility to ensure that all sponsorship money/donations received for the Muddy Dog Challenge are paid to Battersea Dogs & Cats Home. Please ensure that all sponsorship forms are completed in full and 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, Battersea staff 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 information marquee.

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 staff, participants, volunteers, spectators and/or dogs.
8. Participants' supporters and family members spectate at the Muddy Dog Challenge entirely at their own risk. Battersea shall not be liable for any injury, death, damage or loss howsoever 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 4pm. Final start times will be sent to participants via email approximately two weeks prior to the event.

#### On the day

1. Battersea asks that all participants along with their supporters refrain from smoking at the events.
2. Battersea asks that all participants along with their supporters do not use or display 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 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. Battersea 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. The information will be handled in accordance with the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.
5. Battersea reserves the right to remove any person or dog from the course or event should they break the rules or be considered a danger to other participants, volunteers, Battersea staff, dogs or spectators.

#### Filming and photography at the event

Please note that Battersea (or our authorised service providers) or our commercial partners may film or photograph participants, volunteers and spectators attending or taking part in events and use such footage or photographs.

We do this in order to publicise the event for commercial and/or fundraising purposes including, but not limited to: television broadcasts, advertising, publications, marketing material, merchandising, social media, personalised direct mail and other media that may be made available to the public. Secondly, to enable our commercial partners to publicise their involvement and/or association with the event.

No personal details (including names) of any under 16-year-old participants will be used in any publicity materials without the written consent of their parent or legal guardian, but we may use images where children are incidentally included (for example, images of mass participation in the warm-up exercises, or on the starting line).

#### Entry rules for dogs

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 their dog at all times
4. One dog only per participant.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. We advise that dogs do not eat their morning meal two hours before the challenge but are given food afterwards.
8. 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 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.

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

## MUDDY DOG CHALLENGE CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> At least one year old                   | <input type="checkbox"/> On a lead at all times, preferably with a harness      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fit and healthy*                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fully vaccinated to reduce risk of spreading infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sociable with other dogs and humans     | <input type="checkbox"/> Kept hydrated throughout the challenge                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willing and able to complete the course | <input type="checkbox"/> Wearing a collar with a clearly identifiable tag       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not in season                           |   |

\*if your dog is deemed fit and healthy in general it can compete in the challenge. Please consider the dogs age, health, ability, and breed before registering. For example, short-nosed breeds may have more difficulty on the course and/or in the heat. Signing up 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.