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Terms and conditions of entry

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By registering for a BIG Walkies Event you agree to abide by these terms and conditions of entry. On occasion these may be subject to change, therefore please refer to this document frequently so these are fully understood. By registering for an Event you also agree to abide by any instructions or regulations displayed or given on the day of the event by officials.

If you have any questions, please contact the BIG Walkies Team.

bigwalkies@rspca.org.uk

General

- RSPCA BIG Walkies ("the Event") is organised and administered by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), registered charity no. 219099 to help raise vital funds for our vital animal welfare work. All entry fees are collected by the RSPCA to help to cover the costs of administering RSPCA BIG Walkies. The RSPCA asks each Participant to raise as much sponsorship as possible.
- Everyone who takes part in the Event must be registered. This can be done online or by phoning 0300 123 0123. Your personal information will be used by the RSPCA as stated on the form in accordance with The Data Protection Act 1998.
- The event is a charity sponsored dog walk, routes vary between two and a half kilometres and five kilometres in length, please check your event details page for more information. In the RSPCA's opinion it is suitable for Participants of varying ages and abilities. Due to the varied terrain of BIG Walkies Events unfortunately not all events are suitable for wheelchair users or prams/strollers. Please refer to the respective information page for BIG Walkies event for more information www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/fundraise/bigwalkies
- The RSPCA can take no responsibility for Participants' medical conditions. If any Participant is in any doubt about their fitness and/or ability to participate in and/of complete the Event, they should seek medical advice.
- Persons taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The RSPCA, its sponsors, contractors and agents will not be liable in any way for injury, loss, damage or death that might occur as a result of participation in this event, unless by negligence on their part.
- Children under the age of 14 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

- The RSPCA reserves the right to refuse or cancel registrations or alter the date, time and/or venue and format of any Event without notice. Any liability to the Participant will be limited to the registration fee. Registration fees are non-refundable if the Event has to be cancelled or postponed due to circumstances outside the RSPCA's control.

Entry Fees

- The charge for taking part in the Event is £10 per dog (discounts apply for multiple dogs) of £10 for the first registered human (for those registering without a dog)
- There is no charge for additional people (adults or children).
- Payment must be made at the time of registration.
- Once registered, your dog's place cannot be transferred to any other dog. If you cannot attend the walk, you must inform the RSPCA as soon as possible; you cannot give your place to any other dog.
- Unfortunately, given the limited number of spaces for each Event, all entry fees are non-refundable.
- You will receive one BIG Walkies bandana per registered dog which will be posted out to you in your BIG Walkies pack.

Entry Ticket

- You will receive a BIG Walkies e-ticket (by e-mail) two weeks in advance of your event. This MUST be brought with you on the day. Anyone registering with less than 2 weeks to go will receive their ticket (by email) after registration.

Dog Conduct

- Dogs must be under control and on a lead at all times.
- No more than four dogs per person are allowed.
- No dog shall be allowed to participate if an inappropriate training device is being used. This includes electric shock collars, prong collars, choke chains, half check chains and spray collars.

Where owners use half check collars as a means to preventing their dog from slipping their collar, it should be fitted so that when tightened the two rings meet around the dog's neck, with sufficient space for two fingers to be slipped against the neck, under the collar in exactly the same way as a flat collar would be fitted.

- Only well socialised dogs (i.e. friendly towards other dogs, people and children) are welcome on the walk. The behaviour of your dog is YOUR responsibility.
- All participating dogs must be up to date with vaccines and must not be in season.
- Dogs should not be dressed up in costumes

- Dogs should have a collar and a tag with their owners name and address inscribed on it and ideally a number on which the owner can be contacted.
- Dogs should be transported safely and securely to and from the event and **MUST NOT** be left unattended in vehicles during the event.
- Dogs should be healthy and fit enough to take part in the event. Owners should be aware of the signs of heat stress. Some dogs are more prone than others e.g. those with short flat faces, overweight, old, young and dogs with thick coats. If any dog starts to display signs of stress during the event they should be removed immediately and a member of the event team informed so that help can be provided.
- The distance your dog can cope with will depend on its age, breed, health and the weather on the day.

General Conduct

- Any rules or instructions given by RSPCA stewards/officials must be adhered to.
- The RSPCA respectfully asks that all participants and supporters do not use aggressive or abusive language towards our organisers, marshals, officials and volunteers.
- Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog. Designated disposal areas will be located along the route but please bring dog waste bags.
- All litter should be disposed of in the bins provided or taken home
- Alcohol, tobacco and intoxicants of any kind are strictly forbidden.

Health and Safety

- Participants are responsible for ensuring that they are wearing appropriate attire (including footwear) when taking part in an Event, taking into account the nature of the Event, the weather forecast and the terrain involved.
- Participants should carry enough water to keep themselves and their dogs hydrated for the duration of the Event.
- The RSPCA cannot accept responsibility for personal effects. There is nowhere to leave personal belongings on the route

Data Protection

- Once you have registered to a BIG Walkies Event the RSPCA will continue to communicate with you solely about BIG Walkies with the details you have provided. Should you have decided to opt out of wider marketing communications from the RSPCA this will not affect us contacting you about the BIG Walkies Event in the future with the details you have provided.

Filming and Photography

- Official RSPCA photographers will be taking pictures of the event and you/your children/dogs may be included, either intentionally or unintentionally, in posed and background shots. Please be aware that photographs taken on the day may feature you and your children. These photographs may be kept in RSPCA event archives and/or used for publicity purposes.

Sponsorship and Donations

- All participants have a legal responsibility to ensure that all sponsorship monies/donations received in connection with an Event are paid to RSPCA, and we ask that you do this as soon as possible after the Event.
- You can pay in your sponsorship money online <http://www.rspca.org.uk/getinvolved/fundraise/bigwalkies/fundraise> with your credit or debit card, or call us on 0300 123 0123 with your credit or debit card details.
- Please ensure that all sponsorship forms are returned to RSPCA BIG Walkies, Wilberforce Way, Horsham, RH13 9RS to enable us to claim Gift Aid where possible.
- Please note that we are unable to accept your sponsorship money on the day of the Event as the RSPCA does not have the suitable cash handling facilities to fulfil this process.