



## Safety Guidelines

Please read and follow these safety guidelines for the Muddy Paws Challenge, to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all human and dog participants.

- All dogs must be on a secure leash (we recommend using a harness leash) and must be wearing a collar with an identification tag.
- All dogs must be vaccinated. Dogs that have not been vaccinated present a significant risk to all other dogs using the course, and will not be allowed.
- All dogs must be registered to run the Muddy Paws Challenge
- You must have only 1 dog per leash. Multi-dog leads and retractable leads are **NOT** allowed.
- Dog handler must be over the age of 18 years.
- RSPCA WA does not approve the use of choker chain collars.
- All dogs required by law to wear a muzzle **MUST DO** so.
- Please help us reduce costs by bringing your own bags and ensure you have one with you at all times.
- Encourage your dog to go to the toilet before making your way to the start line. If your dog does need to go on course, please move off the main track and pick up any waste.
- Please place all animal waste and garbage in the bins provided at each obstacle.
- Be aware of your dog at all times and put their needs first if they are showing signs of distress or discomfort.
- Always use caution when approaching other dogs.
- Flea treatment must be up-to-date to a maximum of 1-month prior to the event.
- Worming treatment must be up-to-date to a maximum of 3-months prior to the event.
- Your dog must be reasonably fit and used to walking long distances. If you are unsure whether your dog will be able to complete the walk, please seek veterinary advice prior to registering.
- If your dog has shown signs of coughing or an upset stomach in the 7 days prior to the event, we strongly encourage you not to attend the event. Even if the illness was mild in your dog, it may put other animals at risk who may be more susceptible to an infection.
- Positive reinforcement is encouraged to move your dog around the course and if your dog is having problems with an obstacle then we advise you to avoid it.
- Participants must follow instructions given by event staff and volunteers at all times.
- For their own safety, **STRICTLY NO** other types of animals (cats, ferrets, horses, etc.) are permitted to participate in the Muddy Paws Challenge. Any other type of animal that attends Muddy Paws Challenge will be required to leave, along with its owner(s). This is to ensure the safety of all our participant dogs.
- If you lose your dog or find a dog roaming without its owner, please take the dog to the registration area.
- 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.
- A veterinarian and first aider will be onsite, however owners and their pet enter at their own risk.