

# Frequently asked questions



**East Cheshire  
Hospice**

Where people come to live

## **When and Where is Tough Woofer?**

It is on Sunday 20th October from 9.00am in the grounds of Capesthorpe Hall, Congleton Rd, Siddington, Macclesfield SK11 9JY.

## **Is there parking?**

Yes, parking is available on site from 09:00am. We strongly advise that you car share where possible.

## **What time am I starting?**

It depends on what 10min wave start time you have been given. You will be notified by email 2weeks prior to the event with your allocated time.

## **Is there an age limit for taking part?**

All human participants must be aged 8 years or over on the day of the event. Dogs must be 1 year or over. Participants aged 8-15years on the day must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18. Human participants taking part with a dog must be able to control the dog on a lead at ALL times.

## **Are spectators permitted?**

Yes, spectators will be able to walk between obstacles out on the course and allowed access to the charity village. There is a £5 charge per spectator.

## **What is in the Charity Village?**

You will find the registration point, start and finish areas, information tent, bag drop off, toilets, changing area, vet cover, first aid, a washing area, pampering area, water stations, other family friendly activities, merchandise stalls and hot and cold food contractors. There will also be entertainment throughout the day.

## **What should I wear?**

Your Tough Woofer t-shirt, plus some sensible shoes. Please remember Tough Woofer is an outdoor event, so it is essential you come prepared for the English weather! Tough Woofer will involve participants getting wet, muddy and potentially cold, please come prepared with a change of clothes and towel if necessary.

## **Can I take part with more than one dog?**

No, our rules state that only one dog per human participant is allowed.

## **My dog does not like being on a lead, can we still take part?**

No, our rules state that dogs, whether participating or spectating must be kept on a lead at ALL times. Due to the number of dogs taking part, all dogs must be sociable around other dogs.

## **Can we skip obstacles if they are unsuitable or too difficult?**

Our priority is for all participants to enjoy the event. If you or your dog are struggling or having problems with an obstacle, then it is not necessary to complete it. You can walk around all obstacles or move on to the next one.

## **Why do you ask participants to raise sponsorship?**

The entrance fee only covers the cost of the event. You will also receive a T-shirt, dog neckchief and medals. We do ask that everyone tries to raise at least £30 of sponsorship. Every penny you raise goes directly towards providing Hospice care in your local community.

## **Reaching your sponsorship target**

There are so many ways you can reach your sponsorship target and have fun along the way! Use this pack to help with ideas, set up an online sponsorship page at [www.JustGiving.com](http://www.JustGiving.com), Visit our website for ideas, and remember the fundraising team is here to help so please get in touch.

## **What if I can't attend on the day?**

If for any reason you are unable to attend please let the fundraising team know as soon as possible by calling 01625 433477.

## **Is the Hospice on Facebook and Twitter?**

Yes, we add regular updates and photos so please share and like our posts. And don't forget to use **#toughwoofer**

## **Can I volunteer?**

Yes, if you are not taking part we would be very grateful for your help at the event. We rely on our volunteers to help us in a number of different roles including route marshalling, registration, refreshments, medals, set-up and clear-down. Please contact the events team on the details below to find out more.

## **I have another question...**

If we haven't answered your question please give the East Cheshire Hospice fundraising team a call on 01625 433477 or email [events@echospice.org.uk](mailto:events@echospice.org.uk).