



## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

### **GENERAL**

- These booking terms and conditions apply to everyone who takes part in Tough Woofer and those who attend as spectators. Please note if you are registering on behalf of other participants, you agree to these conditions on their behalf too. If you want to pass responsibility of agreement of these conditions on to the individual participant, please ensure they enter themselves online.
- These terms and conditions contain important information regarding participation and upon registration, you agree to and accept these terms and conditions.
- The entry fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- All participants and their dogs take part in Tough Woofer entirely at their own risk. In no event shall East Cheshire Hospice be liable for any injury, death, loss or damage whatsoever 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 East Cheshire Hospices' negligence.
- In case of emergency East Cheshire Hospice will use the emergency contact details provided by participants to us when booking.
- You will receive confirmation of your booking via email. You will be sent an email confirming your wave start time and further details two weeks prior to the event.
- Photographs and names will be taken of participants throughout the event. These will be used on promotional materials. It is the participant's responsibility to let staff know at registration if you do not want to appear in any such materials.
- East Cheshire Hospice reserves the right to remove any person or dog from the event or obstacle course should they break the rules or be considered a danger to other participants, dogs, East Cheshire Hospice staff, volunteers or spectators.
- Tough Woofer involves a level of sustained physical activity. Participants make the decision to take part and must be satisfied that this activity is suitable for them. East Cheshire Hospice cannot be held accountable for aggravation to illness or injury sustained due to participation in this activity.
- East Cheshire Hospice takes all reasonable steps to minimize the risk of injury to participants during this event. There is a stringent risk assessment process in place that aims to minimise or remove the risk to everyone taking part. However, by taking part in Tough Woofer, all participants acknowledge that there may be conditions or circumstances beyond East Cheshire Hospice's control that can lead to unforeseen risks.
- Participants that are unsure of their ability to take part in the event should seek advice from their medical practitioner prior to taking part in this event and make provisions to ensure their safe participation.
- First aid facilities and veterinary cover will be provided at the event. Participants consent to provide their details (obtained by medical providers if participants are treated by them at the event) being passed to East Cheshire Hospice for administration and health and safety purposes.

## **ENTRY RULES**

- All human participants must be at least 8 years old on the day of the event. Participants aged between 8-15 years old on the day of the event must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.
- All dogs participating should be at least one year old, not in season, fully vaccinated and on a lead at all times.
- It may be possible to register on the day of the event depending on the number of entries received prior to the event. There is no guarantee you will receive a wave start time of your preference.
- All participants will set off in 10 minute waves between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Start times will be emailed to all participants two weeks prior to the event.
- The Tough Woofer course is approximately 5km. It is not a race and is a non-competitive, non-timed event. Participants can walk, jog or run and bypass obstacles if necessary.
- All participants must abide by any rules instructions and regulations displayed or given on the day by East Cheshire Hospice staff and officials.
- Due to the nature of the Tough Woofer obstacle course, it is not suitable for wheel chairs or mobility scooters.
- On no account is alcohol to be brought into the event site. East Cheshire Hospice reserve the rights to refuse entry to anyone under the influence of alcohol.
- All spectators supporting participants' taking part in Tough Woofer do so at their own risk. In no event shall East Cheshire Hospice be liable for any injuries, loss or damages whatsoever, including direct, punitive, special, incidental or consequential losses howsoever suffered by spectators.
- Our priority is for all participants to enjoy the event. If you or your dog is struggling or having problems with an obstacle, then it is not necessary to complete it. We reserve the right to remove any human or dog from the course if they become too anxious or stressed.
- There must be no more than one dog per human participant at any time on the obstacle course.
- Participants and dogs should stay hydrated during the event. There will be water stations and refreshments available at the event but recommended you bring a pack that you can take around with you to carry water, dog treats, poo bags and wipes to clean up.

## **DOG WELFARE RULES**

- Tough Woofer will be busy with lots of other dogs and people attending. Please consider the temperament of your dog/s before you decide to take part. Please do not take part if your dog is not sociable or has a history of aggression towards other dogs or humans.
- The welfare of your dog is your responsibility during the event and must not be left unattended at any time.
- Please ensure that your dog is correctly vaccinated to prevent disease.
- All dogs must be kept on a lead at ALL times. This applies to dogs participating in the event and those spectating.
- There shall be no more than one dog per adult handler at any time on the course.
- Participants must be in control of their dog at all times.
- It is your responsibility to pick up your dog's waste and put it in a poo bag and in the bins provided. Please ensure you bring poo bags with you on the day.
- If the weather is wet and cold, it is your responsibility to keep your dog/s dry and warm.

- If necessary, you should gain advice from a Veterinarian as to whether the dog participating is fit and healthy and able to participate. Please consider the dogs age, ability and breed before registering. Veterinary cover will be provided at the event.
- We recommend dogs wear a harness rather than a collar with a clearly identifiable tag.
- If a dog is having problems with an obstacle then we advise the participant to avoid it.
- Owners enter their dogs at their own risk. East Cheshire Hospice is not liable for any injuries or harm sustained as a result of taking part in Tough Woofer, including those caused by natural water and/or mud at the events. In the unlikely event of an emergency, you will need to visit either your own local, or a nearby vets practice.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- The entry fee contributes to the cost of staging Tough Woofer and includes your entry pack, participation on the obstacle course, access to the Event Village and fundraising materials.
- We ask that adult participants raise a minimum of £30 in sponsorship. All funds raised in sponsorship go directly towards patient care provision.
- You are not permitted to use any of the sponsorship money that you raise in relation to Tough Woofer to pay for your expenses.

## **CLOTHING**

- Please wear your Tough Woofer T shirt on the day of the event but please dress appropriately for the weather on the day.
- All dogs participating will receive a neckerchief. It is your responsibility to decide whether your dog is comfortable wearing it during the course.
- We strongly advise that all participants wear appropriate footwear to ensure their safe and enjoyable participation.
- We suggest bringing a change of clothes and shoes, as well as a towel, so you can dry down after the event. Please note that there will a changing tent available at the venue.

## **CHANGES TO THE EVENT**

- East Cheshire Hospice reserves the right to reduce or alter the Tough Woofer obstacle course at any time.
- East Cheshire Hospice reserves the right to amend the start time and wave times at any time.
- We aim to ensure the commencement of the event, however, should a decision be necessary to postpone or cancel the event, participants are encouraged to look out for updates via East Cheshire Hospice social media channels.

## **CANCELLATION**

- East Cheshire Hospice reserves the right to cancel this event at any time. In the event of this happening East Cheshire Hospice will endeavor to reschedule the event and invite all those already signed up to the revised date.

**If you have any questions about Tough Woofer, please contact the Events team at East Cheshire Hospice on 01625 433477 or [events@echospice.org.uk](mailto:events@echospice.org.uk).**