

# Dirty Dog Challenge – FAQs

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## **Can more than one person take the dog around the course?**

Yes. After listening to peoples feedback we have decided to allow a maximum of 2 people with each dog. The primary person with the dog must be over the age of 16, and the second person must be at least 8 years old.

## **How much does it cost to enter?**

\$40 for 1 dog and 1 person

\$20 for additional person (e.g. \$60 for 1 dog and 2 people)

## **Can I have one dog and two runners?**

Yes, as long as the second runner pays the additional \$20 fee.

## **Can I run by myself with 2 dogs?**

No. There is a one dog limit per person.

## **Do the dogs have to be on-lead?**

Yes. Dogs must be on a lead at all times.

## **What time can I come? Do I have to book a particular time?**

Registrations will open at 10am – so you don't need to get there any earlier.

We will stagger the participants into different 'waves' and we expect the first group of walkers/runners to set out at approximately 10.30am.

There will be no more than 20 dogs in each 'wave' so it will take a while to get through all the participants – don't panic if you don't get there at 10am on the dot!

## **How long is it likely to take?**

Depending on which course you have selected and your level of fitness, we think it shouldn't take more than 2 hours for the 6km course.

## **What's involved?**

The course includes hills, water crossings, a variety of obstacles and lots of mud!

**Can I just register and pay on the day?**

No. You will need to register and pay online before the event. Remember spaces are limited.

**What happens if the weather isn't great?**

The event will only be cancelled in the event of an extreme weather event. If this happens, we will put a notice up on our Facebook pages.

**Can my kids come along?**

Yes, you can bring your family. But please make sure there is someone to watch your children while you are on the course.

**Does saying I'm coming on the Facebook event mean I'm registered?**

No, you will need to fill in the form to register [link to form]

**What does the entry fee go towards?**

The fee goes towards setting up the event. Any profits will be used to help animals in our communities.

**Will there be somewhere my dog and I can clean off before leaving?**

Yes, outside showers will be available to clean your dog off. There will also be a mobile groomer there to offer a wash and dry service at your cost.

**When do I have to register by?**

As soon as possible to secure your spot. We can take a maximum of 400.

**Can I bring my friend's dog?**

Yes, as long as it meets the criteria.

**Can I still come if I don't live in Hamilton or Waikato District?**

Yes, absolutely. We'd love to see you there!

**Who's organising the event?**

The event is being jointly organised by Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council.

**Where is it being held?**

Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp, 148 Waingaro Road, Ngaruawahia.

**Will there be parking?**

Yes there is parking available. There will be a gold coin donation to a local charity.