

Running Forever Running Club

Policy for Dogs on Club Runs – October 2022

Introduction

Some members have asked if they can bring a dog on a club run. The committee have agreed the policy below. This is based on a recognition that not all people are comfortable in the company of dogs, the difficulty of communicating the fact that a dog may be coming on a run and the terms of the England Athletics Public Liability insurance.

EA Insurance

This states the following

- Dogs or other animals should not accompany any runner during a club or coach/leader led session that takes place on roads where interaction with traffic and pedestrians creates inherent risk.
- Runners may be accompanied by one dog in club or coach/leader led sessions that are off-road.

Club Policy

- A member may only bring one dog on a club run which is specifically advertised as being suitable for dogs.
- Such runs will be organised separately to the usual scheduled group runs.
- The group leader shall plan a route that is entirely off road. In practice this will limit such runs to the Quantocks, canal towpath, coast path and parts of the Herepath trail.
- Members must keep dogs under control especially in the vicinity of members of the public or other animals.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead during the ground nesting season between 1 March and 31 July.