

Outdoor Event Risk Assessment

Applies to all events promoted by or organised by the kennels (so does not apply to event arranged by individuals to raise funds for us).

All events

The welfare of the greyhounds should be put first. Everybody should be clear that any decision they make to call off an event, take a dog to the vet or remove themselves or their dog from the event will be supported by WGW, even if it proves to be unnecessary.

An individual needs to be identified as having responsibility for the event and ensuring:

1. That there is responsible person at the event who can:
 - a. call off / abandon event
 - b. make the decision to alter proceedings
 - c. insist a dog is taken home or back to the kennels
 - d. insist a dog is taken to the vet
2. that fresh water available
3. that a first aid kit is available
4. that the nearest open vet is identified and the vet knows they are our emergency vet for the event. That a named individual at the event has the contact details and knows how to get there
5. that somewhere is identified where hounds can go for some peace and quiet if they need a rest
6. that they know where cars will be parked and which car would be used for vet runs

Weather conditions

Check the forecast 2 or 3 days before the event (and again the day before). Take a thermometer to events to help decisions on the day. Referring to the chart (large breed) next page:

Zones	Action
1 or 2	General steps as above
3	Ensure shade or warm coat available Avoid taking elderly dogs or dogs with medical conditions
4	As above plus Identify specific measures needed to mitigate risks eg. Dogs will always be in shaded area, dogs can shelter in lobby of supermarket, dogs will be out for no more than 20 minutes
5	Call off / abandon event unless in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the Kennels Manager.

