



Race day schedule

10.15am - 12.00pm	Registration	Court Yard
12.00pm	Pre-Race brief	Court Yard
12.30pm	Walkers START	Front lawn
12.45pm	Pro & Casual START	Front lawn
1.45pm (approx)	Prizes / Ballot	Court Yard

Race Rules (full rules at www.waggy-races.com/rules.html)

Please keep your **dog on a lead**. During the race, leads must not be longer than 2 metres.

ParkingThere are 76 spaces – **please try and car share where possible**. A field will be available for overflow – look out for our marshal when arriving and **avoid parking anywhere else** in case you accidentally block the course!

Registration will be in the beautiful courtyard of the Carriage Rooms beside the car park.

You will receive your race pack which includes your number, safety pins, wrist band, goody bag and t-shirt if you ordered one. **Please arrive in good time!** If you **arrive late**, come on round to the Montalto House mansion.

There are **toilets** in the **Carriage Rooms** beside registration. You can also get changed in the stables if needs be!

Pre race brief (12.00pm)

Will take place as soon as registration closes – please listen to us as this is our **final chance to tell you important stuff!**

The Start

Immediately after the pre race brief, we will wander to the lawn in front of the mansion. This is a 2-3 mins walk and will be signposted.

WALKERS	12.30pm
PRO & CASUALS	12.45pm (in waves at 1 minute intervals)

It is very important that you do not miss your wave - you MUST be in position at your allotted time!

Your wave number and lane number will be on your wrist band.

Waves will be announced over the megaphone - when wave 1 is at the start line, wave 2 will fill in behind and so on.

The course starts and finishes on the front lawn of the Montalto Mansion. The terrain is grass, trail paths and tarmac and passes through the woodlands, round the lake and fields and along the tree-lined verges of the avenue. The course is winding – orange flags, arrows and marshals will be in place to guide you.

An **interactive route map** is available here: http://gb.mapometer.com/running/route_4093928.html

Safety

Please take care at the **start line** - it is loud and contains lots of salivating, aggressive and hyper competitors and their dogs.

Overtaking - please call out (politely) and pass on the **right hand side** (as if overtaking in a car). If being passed, please leave space for the person & dog to get past - **this is especially important for walkers to note.**

There is a small set of **steps** (at 600m) and a **wooden bridge** (700m) – take care here, especially if it is wet. Some **terrain** may also be a bit uneven in places.

Headphones – If you wear headphones, please ensure you are aware of others around you.

Toilets (dogs)

There will be bins at the start/finish, at registration and very frequently around the course - please use them!

Poo bags will also be included in your race pack.

Future events will depend on us leaving the Estate as we found it. **“Poo is very important to us”**. (Ruth Robinson, Castle Ward, March 2014).

Water

There will be two water stops for your dogs, as well as at the start and finish.

Please carry extra water for your dog if required – there is also a tap beside the mansion.

On completing, humans will also get a bottle of water!

Race Timing - Please **wear your race number visibly on your front** to get an official time.

After the race please hang around for the **prizes, ballot** (everyone is entered), meet the Guide Dogs NI team, support our stalls and cheer on your fellow Waggy Racers.

Prizes (courtyard)

As soon as the race is over, we will walk back to the courtyard where registration took place. Prize categories are:

- **Male** (with 1 dog) (1st - 3rd)
- **Female** (with 1 dog) (1st - 3rd)
- **Pack** (2 people & 1 dog) (1st - 3rd)
- **2 dogs** (1st only)
- **Spirit of Waggy Races**

Prizes by:

Murphy's Bark'ery, Tidy Tails, Jollyes Petfood Superstore, Animal Artworks, K9 Grooming Studio & Vets4Pets (Lisburn, Longstone).

First Aid will be provided by Waggy Races medical stalwart **#DrLynnCromie**. Lynn will be at the start/finish line. If you are in trouble on the course - speak to a marshal or pass the message to another competitor.
Please let us know and record any relevant medical conditions on the back of your race number.

Veterinary care is by **Anna Moore** of **Vets4Pets** in Lisburn (Longstone).

Guide Dogs NI - We are delighted once again to have the **Guide Dogs NI** team at the race!

Stalls

Make sure you pay the stalls a visit before and after the race. They will be in the Carriage Rooms Courtyard beside registration.

- **Murphy's Bark'ery** - with their great range of **homemade baked dog treats**.
- Dianna from **Tidy Tails** will be there with a variety of pet health products.
- The talented Susan from **Animals Artworks** will be displaying some of her brilliant **dog portraits**.
- Vets4Pets Lisburn (Longstone) – will be there to look after your pups!

Photography by **Paul Carron Photography** and **Kalos photography**.

They will be taking action shots along the route and at the start and finish lines. Please support our photographers and get a souvenir photo or two!

Photos will be available from their websites/Facebook - we will post details later.

Aerial video by **Ryan McDonald Photography**.

Ryan will be videoing the race from above using a drone - eyes to the sky!

Food & coffee vans will be located beside registration.

