

## **Dogathon Regulation**

The regulations are designed to ensure the safety and fair competition for all participants and their dogs during the Dogathon event.

### **Introduction to Dogathon Competition**

Welcome to the Dogathon Competition, a unique and meaningful event where you can run alongside your beloved dogs! With the slogan "Dogs are friends, NOT FOOD," we aim to celebrate the bond between humans and their four-legged friends while raising awareness about animal rights.

Join us for an unforgettable experience with your furry friends. For more details, please visit: [www.interpetfest.com/dogathon](http://www.interpetfest.com/dogathon)

### **Article 1: Distance, Schedule, and Competition Venue**

**1.1 Competition Distances:** The event includes two competition categories with distances of 5Km and 3Km.

- **5Km Race:** Starts at 4:00 PM (GMT+7).
- **3Km Race:** Starts at 4:15 PM (GMT+7). (Note: The actual running distance may vary slightly.)

**1.2 Schedule and Competition Venue:**

- **BIB Collection:**
  - **Location:** International Pet Festival & Expo Vietnam
  - **Venue:** Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC), 799 Nguyen Van Linh Street, Tan Phu, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City.
  - **Dates:**
    - February 21, 2025 - Time: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM (GMT+7)
    - February 22, 2025 - Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (GMT+7)
- **Race:**
  - **Start and Finish Point:** Canh Doi Park, Phu My Hung, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City.
  - (Note: The venue may change; updates will be posted on the official website <https://interpetfest.com/dogathon/> or the event's Fanpage.)
  - **Race Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2025.
  - **Schedule:**
    - **Park Opens:** 1:30 PM (GMT+7).
    - **Warm-up and Announcements:** 3:00 PM (GMT+7).
    - **5Km Race:** Starts at 4:00 PM (GMT+7).
    - **3Km Race:** Starts at 4:15 PM (GMT+7).
- **Award Ceremony:**
  - **Location:** Canh Doi Park, Phu My Hung, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City.
  - **Time:** From 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM (GMT+7).
- **After Party:**

- **Time: Starts at 6:00 PM (GMT+7).**
- **Program: Find Love.**

## **Article 2: Time regulations**

### **2. 1. Time Limits for Each Distance:**

- 3 Km Race: 1 hour 30 minutes.
- 5 Km Race: 1 hour 45 minutes

Participants who do not complete the course within the time limit should leave the racecourse to ensure safety and convenience for other activities. These participants will be marked as Did Not Finish (DNF).

Water stations and medical support points at each checkpoint will close when the time limit expires.

### **2.2 Start and End time**

- 5 Km race starts at 4:00 PM and ends at 6:00PM (GMT+7)
- 3 Km race starts at 4:15 PM and ends at 6:00PM (GMT+7)

### **Starting Rules**

- Runners and dogs must position themselves behind the starting line before the race begins.
- All participants and their dogs must be present at the starting area at least 10 minutes before the race start time to receive instructions and participate in the opening ceremony.
- Runners and dogs must enter the starting area according to the event organizers' directions. Those who do not follow the designated start procedures will be disqualified from the event.
- Each participant must access their designated starting zone through the assigned entry points, on schedule according to their registered distance. Participants arriving more than 15 minutes late from their assigned start time will not be allowed to compete.

### **Finishing Rules**

- Completion times will be recorded when the runner crosses the finish line with their dog. Rankings will be determined based on the runner's performance.
- Ranking results in various distances will be based on the actual performance, with the top three placements being determined by the point at which both the runner and their dog cross the finish line and ensure the distance between the runner and the dog is not more than 1m.
- In some cases, the event organizers reserve the right to review the results if a runner is found to have violated any race rules or breached their participation agreement. Such runners will be marked as 'DNF' (Did Not Finish) in the results.

### **2.3 Time Recording and Confirmation Process**

#### **Time Recording:**

- Timing starts when the participant and their dog(s) crosses the starting line and ends when the participant and their dog(s) crosses the finish line.

- Runners who start the race but do not complete the distance or who violate any of the event rules during the race will be marked as 'DNF – Did Not Finish.' These runners will not receive a medal and their results will not be recognized.

#### **Time Confirmation:**

- Official results will be announced once all participants have completed the race or when the time limit has expired.
- Participants finishing after the time limit will not be included in the official ranking.
- The event organizers reserve the right to review the runner's tracklog to verify and record the official results.
- We will have a monitoring team along the race course. Participants or dogs that leave the course or exhibit unusual behavior during the race will be disqualified and their results will not be recognized.

### **Article 3: Subjects, Conditions and Criteria for Participation**

#### **3.1 Eligibility Criteria**

##### **Participants:**

- Children under 5 years old: Children under 5 years old can participate in the Dogathon for free but will not be provided with a race kit and will not be eligible to compete for prizes unless a race ticket is purchased. Children under 5 years old must always be accompanied by an adult throughout the race.
- Children under 12 years old: It is recommended that children under 12 years old be accompanied by an adult throughout the race and participate at their own risk.
- Healthy Individuals: Participants must be in good health and capable of completing the race.
- Eligible Participants: This includes professional, semi-professional participants, amateur runners of all levels, local running clubs, Vietnamese and international businesses, schools, and local residents who enjoy running.
- Foreign Nationals: Foreign nationals living, working, or traveling in Vietnam with a valid residence permit or visa.
- Ability to Control the Dog: Participants must have the ability to control their dog's behavior throughout the race.

##### **Dogs:**

- Eligible Dogs: Any breed of dog (mixed breed, purebred, etc.) that is not on the list of animals prohibited from being kept, raised, or traded according to current laws.
- Health and Vaccination: Dogs must be in good health, showing no signs of illness that could pose a danger during the event. Dogs must be vaccinated within the past year, and a copy of the vaccination certificate must be provided to the organizers.
- Psychology and Behavior: Dogs must have stable psychology and behavior, with no signs of excessive excitement or easily provoked behavior that could pose a danger to people and surrounding animals.

#### **3.2 Participation Conditions**

##### **For Participants:**

- **Registration Requirements:** Participants must complete the registration form fully and pay the participation fee as specified.
- **Commitment Requirements:** All participants must sign a waiver provided by the organizers and agree to the event's terms and conditions.
- **Health Status:**
  - Participants must not have a history of conditions such as cardiovascular issues, epilepsy, asthma, or other medical conditions that may affect continuous movement.
  - Participants should ensure their legs are functioning normally and free from recent injuries prior to the event. Adequate training before participation is recommended.
  - Participants must agree to receive assistance from the medical team and organizers if necessary.
- **Accurate Information:** Participants must provide complete and accurate personal information, health status, and ability to participate in the race.
- **Medical Support:** Participants must agree to seek medical help if they feel unable to continue the race.

#### **For Dogs:**

- Dogs must wear a bandana that matches the participant's BIB number provided by the organizers.
- **Vaccination Certificate:** Dogs must have a valid vaccination certificate proving that they are fully vaccinated, and a copy of the vaccination certificate must be provided to the organizers.
- **Leash:** It is advisable to equip a leash so that the owner can control the dog within a certain range, helping to minimize the risk of unfortunate accidents.

#### **Right to Refuse by Organizers:**

- Dogs that do not meet safety criteria or have contagious diseases.
- Dogs that are out of control or show signs of illness.
- Dogs deemed by the organizers to be potentially dangerous and/or could affect the safety of the event.

#### **Regulations on the Number of Team Members**

- There is no limit to the number of people and dogs that can participate in a team for the race.
- **Important Note:** If your team has more than one runner and one dog, each member will receive an individual BIB number, but all will share the team's BIB number. In the event that the team wins, only one runner and one dog from the team, both wearing the team BIB number, will be recognized as the official winners.

### **3.3 Participation Criteria**

#### **Health:**

- **Participants:** Must be in good health and free from serious illnesses that could affect their ability to compete.

- **Dogs:** Must be healthy and show no signs of illness or abnormal health and psychological issues that could pose a danger during the event. Pregnant females, puppies under 3 months old, and females in heat are not allowed to participate.

### **Preparation:**

- **Personal Equipment:** Both participants and dogs must bring necessary items such as running shoes, drinking water, protective gear, and other supportive tools.
- **Dog Supplies:** Participants with dogs must bring a leash and dog waste bags, and are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs immediately to ensure environmental hygiene and cleanliness of the race course.
- **Training:** It is encouraged to train with your dog to prepare for the race at all distances.
- **Safety and Protection:** Both participants and dogs must adhere to all safety and protection regulations throughout the event.
- **Drinking Water for Dogs:** While water will be available for dogs at checkpoints, participants are encouraged to bring specialized drinking water for their dogs to meet immediate needs as a precaution.

### **Compliance:**

- **Event Rules:** Participants and dogs must comply with all rules and guidelines provided by the organizers throughout the event.
- **Health Check:** Mandatory health checks will be conducted at certain checkpoints to assess the dog's health and its ability to continue participating safely (as required by the organizers).
- **Veterinarian's Decision:** If a dog becomes stressed or injured during the event, our veterinarian has the right to intervene and decide to withdraw the dog from the race to ensure optimal health and safety. In this case, the participation fee will not be refunded.
- **Leash and Muzzle Notice:** For safety reasons, all participants must keep their dogs on a leash throughout the race. In the start and finish areas: from the start to 1,000m after the starting line, and from 500m before the finish line until crossing it, participants must shorten the leash and maintain a 1m leash distance. Note: Dogs that may bite other dogs or participants must always be kept on a leash and wear a muzzle during the event.
- **Regulation Violations:** Any violation of event rules may result in disqualification from the race or the result not being recognized.

### **Attitude and Behavior**

- **Positive Attitude:** Participants and dogs must demonstrate a positive, friendly, and cooperative attitude towards others in the event.
- **Unacceptable Behavior:** Any disrespectful or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from the event.

### **Article 4: Prize Policy**

#### **4.1 Types of Prizes**

The top finishers (positions 1, 2, and 3) in the 3 km and 5 km distances (regardless of gender), and the first finishers of each dog breed: Corgi, Poodle/Bichon Frise, French Bulldog will receive trophies and prizes including cash and gifts from sponsors. Cash prizes

will be awarded after deducting personal income tax as per Vietnamese law. Material prizes, gift cards, or vouchers with a value equivalent to cash cannot be converted into cash.

CATEGORY	POSITION	CASH PRIZE	SPONSOR GIFTS
5 KM OVERALL	1ST PLACE	VND 3,000,000	2 MILLION VND & SPONSOR GIFTS
	2ND PLACE	VND 2,000,000	
	3RD PLACE	VND 1,000,000	
3KM OVERALL	1ST PLACE	VND 2,000,000	
	2ND PLACE	VND 1,000,000	
	3RD PLACE	VND 500,000	
3 KM BREED	1ST TEAM CORGI	VND 500,000	1 MILLION VND & SPONSOR GIFTS
	1ST TEAM POODLE/BICHON FRISÉ		

Note: Excludes personal income tax

#### 4.2 Criteria for Winning

- To be eligible for a prize, participating teams must meet the following criteria:
  - Best Completion Time: The team with the best completion time will be prioritized for awards.
  - Team Presence:
    - The team must include at least 1 dog and 1 person, and both must cross the finish line together.
    - The distance between the participant and the dog must not exceed 1 meter throughout the course from the start line to the finish line.
  - Complete the Entire Course: The dog must run the entire race and cannot be carried at any time. The organizers will review the race journey through footage from checkpoint areas. Any detected violations will disqualify the team from receiving a prize.

- **Matching BIB Numbers:** The BIB number on the participant and the BIB number on the dog's bandana must match. This BIB number is the unique identifier for each team.
- **Vaccination Certificate:** The dog must have a valid, non-expired vaccination certificate. Please submit a digital copy of the vaccination certificate for online registration and bring a hard copy to the event.
- **Compliance with Regulations:** Participants and dogs must complete the race according to the organizers' regulations, including all event rules and guidelines, covering safety, ethics, and technical aspects throughout participation. Any acts of fraud or violations may lead to disqualification and forfeiture of prizes. Prizes may be awarded to the next eligible team.
- **Organizer's Approval:** The organizers retain the final decision on result recognition and prize awarding. The organizers' decision is final and non-appealable.

### **4.3 Prize Collection Procedure**

To collect a prize, the winner must complete the following steps:

- **Complete Prize Collection Form:** Include a copy of identification (ID card or passport).
- **Sign Income Tax Declaration:** A 10% income tax will be deducted from the total prize amount.
- **Attend the Awards Ceremony:** Be present at least 15 minutes before the ceremony starts (The organizers will award prizes immediately after determining the top participants' rankings).

Failure to provide required documents may result in prize denial. Participants who do not follow the procedure will not be eligible for the prize, and the organizers will not consider complaints from those who do not comply with the prize collection regulations.

### **4.4 Prize Rules**

- **Result Confirmation:** Official results will be announced immediately after the organizers have completed the verification and confirmation of race results.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Prizes will be awarded immediately after final rankings are determined. The prize recipient must be present at the awards ceremony.
- **Prize Transfer:** If an individual or dog is disqualified from receiving a prize due to rule violations, the prize will be transferred to the next ranked team. The organizers retain the right to decide on prize transfer or adjustment based on actual circumstances and announced regulations.
- **Prize Redemption:** If the prize recipient is unable to attend the awards ceremony or does not contact the organizers to claim the prize within the specified time, the prize may be forfeited or transferred to the next eligible team. The organizers will notify the deadline and method for prize collection. Prizes not claimed within the specified period may be forfeited or transferred according to the organizers' policy.

## **Article 5: Compliance with Laws and Safety, Race Regulations, and Personal Property**

### **5.1 Compliance with Laws and Safety**

- All participants and dogs must adhere to the current legal regulations of Vietnam throughout the event.
- Participants must ensure that their participation does not violate any local laws or regulations.
- Participants and dogs are encouraged to have appropriate insurance to protect themselves and their dogs from potential risks during the event.

## **5.2 Race Regulations**

- Participants and dogs must fully comply with all race guidelines provided by the Organizing Committee, including instructions on the route, checkpoint locations, and restricted areas.
- Any intentional attempt to cut the course or failure to follow the guidelines will result in disqualification from the event and cancellation of results.
- Race Conditions:
  - The racecourse will be inspected and ensured to meet safety standards before the event begins. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to alter the route if necessary for safety reasons or due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Participants are responsible for immediately reporting any hazardous situations on the racecourse to the Organizing Committee.
- Support on the Racecourse:
  - The Organizing Committee will provide water and support stations along the racecourse. Participants should prepare any necessary items for their dogs.

## **5.3 Personal Property of Participants**

- The Organizing Committee is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property of participants during the event, including personal belongings and dog equipment.
- In the event of lost or damaged personal property, participants should promptly report to the Organizing Committee for assistance in locating or resolving the issue. However, the Organizing Committee does not guarantee compensation for any losses.
- Participants should secure personal belongings and dog equipment in safe areas as instructed by the Organizing Committee.

## **Article 6: BIB Regulations**

### **6.1 Issuance and Display of BIB**

Issuance of BIB:

- The name on the BIB must be provided by the participant during registration.
- Each participant and their dog will receive a BIB before the competition day.

Display of BIB:

- Participants must wear the BIB on the front of their chest or abdomen.
- Dogs must wear a neckerchief with the BIB attached.



- Both the participant and the dog must wear the BIB throughout the event.

BIB visibility:

- The BIB must always be clear and visible throughout the competition.
- The BIB must be worn according to the instructions and should not be obscured or obscured by equipment, clothing, or other items.

### **6.2 Transfer and Use**

- BIB Transfer is allowed within 1.5 months before the competition day and can only be transferred once. Please contact the Organizing Committee in this case. Once the BIB transfer is approved by the Organizing Committee, the new BIB holder may participate in the competition.
- Unauthorized Transfer: If you decide to withdraw from the event within 1.5 months before the competition day, the Organizing Committee cannot assist with changing the registration information for another person. Any act of exchanging, selling, giving away, or transferring the BIB to another person is considered a violation of the competition rules and will affect your chances of winning.

### **6.3 Enforcement and Compliance with BIB:**

- Participants must adhere to the guidelines on the placement and use of the BIB as specified.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to stop any participant or dog from continuing if they are not wearing the BIB correctly or if the BIB does not match the Organizing Committee's registration records.
- The Organizing Committee will review any cases of non-compliance and take appropriate measures to enforce these regulations and ensure fairness in the competition.

## **Section 7: Withdrawal Policy**

### **7.1 Withdrawal Procedure**

- If a participant decides to withdraw from the event, they must report to the nearest checkpoint and notify the Organizer at the checkpoint area.
- Participants need to provide their BIB number and the reason for withdrawal to the checkpoint staff (refer to the race course map for checkpoint locations).

### **7.2 Care for Dogs upon Withdrawal**

- Participants must arrange in advance for their dog to be picked up by a trusted individual in case of withdrawal.
- The Organizer will assist with this process at the checkpoint. Participants should coordinate with their chosen caregiver to ensure a smooth handover.

### **7.3 Financial and Administrative Aspects**

Refund Policy:

- Participants withdrawing from the event will not receive a refund for the registration fee or any other related costs.
- The decision to withdraw is final, and participants will forfeit any related fees.

- The Organizer will update their records to reflect the participant's withdrawal and ensure no further actions or results related to the participant's registration are processed.

#### **7.4 General Safety and Compliance Guidelines**

- Participants who withdraw must still adhere to all safety regulations and event rules while on the race course or at the checkpoint.
- Any actions or behavior disrupting the event or threatening the safety of others will be addressed by the Organizer.
- Participants should inform their decision to withdraw as early as possible to minimize disruption and ensure proper management of withdrawal and dog care.
  
- For any questions or issues related to the withdrawal process, participants should contact the Organizer before or during the event.

### **Article 8: Health and Emergency Policy**

#### **8.1 First Aid Services**

- The Organizer will provide first aid and professional medical care for any injuries, illnesses, or accidents occurring during the event.
- For cases requiring further medical care, the Organizer will arrange transportation to the nearest hospital.
- Participants are responsible for covering all costs related to hospitalization, medical consultations, pharmaceuticals, and any other necessary medical services or treatments.
- Event medical staff have the authority to assess the condition of any participant showing signs of exhaustion or illness.
- Based on their professional assessment, medical staff may disqualify a participant from the race if deemed necessary for their health and safety.

#### **8.2 Emergency Procedures**

- Participants who feel unwell and need assistance must immediately contact the Organizer's hotline (printed on the back of the BIB) or proceed to the nearest checkpoint.
- Participants must stop racing if instructed by the Organizer, medical staff, or law enforcement authorities, including fire and police services.
- The Organizer reserves the right to postpone, cancel, or change the event schedule based on adverse weather conditions or directives from relevant authorities.

#### **8.3 Veterinary Care**

- A veterinarian will assess the health of participating dogs to determine if they are fit to continue the race.
- If a dog is deemed unfit to continue, the participant must comply with the veterinarian's decision, including withdrawing the dog from the race.

#### **8.4 General Safety Guidelines**

- All participants must follow the medical and emergency guidelines provided by the Organizer and event staff.
- Participants should be aware of the locations of medical and emergency services as described in the event materials.

- Participants are encouraged to fully cooperate with medical and emergency staff to ensure the event runs safely and orderly.
- Any medical or emergency issues should be promptly reported to the Organizer for appropriate assistance.

## **Article 9: Prohibited Regulations**

The Organizer reserves the right to disqualify and/or prevent a participant from continuing the race if any violations of the following regulations are detected after the race has begun.

### **9.1 Use of Wheeled Devices**

Participants over 5 years old are prohibited from using any type of wheeled device while running on the course (e.g., skateboards, strollers, rollerblades, bicycles, motorcycles, etc.).

Kids under 5 years old are allowed to use wheeled devices such as strollers, rollerblades, skateboards, balance bikes under adult supervision and must join the final running group at the start of the race. Kids under 5 years old using wheeled devices will not be recognized as winners.

### **9.2 Use of Stimulants and Drugs**

Participants are prohibited from using any substances or medications listed on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) banned substance list. The use of stimulants, narcotics, or any drugs that enhance performance or alter mood during the race is also prohibited.

### **9.3 Unauthorized Assistance**

Participants are not allowed to receive any assistance beyond what is provided by the Organizer (e.g., water, nutrition, pacers, etc.).

### **9.4 Disruptive Behavior**

Participants are prohibited from engaging in any actions or statements that are disruptive, incite crowds, cause violence, damage, or harm the race event in any way.

### **9.5 Prohibited Items**

Participants are not allowed to bring any items that are inappropriate for the race, including weapons, sticks, sharp objects, or anything that could cause injury or harm to others.

### **9.6 Inappropriate Materials**

Participants are not allowed to bring any materials or flyers with content unrelated to the race, content opposing the state and people of Vietnam, content contrary to the policies of the Party and State, or content that does not align with Vietnamese customs and values.

### **9.7 Inappropriate Attire**

Participants are prohibited from wearing attire with offensive or inappropriate imagery, or images that are against the state and people of Vietnam, or contrary to the policies of the Party and State.

### **9.8 Regulations for International Participants**

International participants are responsible for declaring and ensuring the purpose of their entry into Vietnam for the race when applying for a visa and completing entry procedures.

They must also inform the Organizer of their hotel address in Ho Chi Minh City during their stay for the race.

### **9.9 Activities Causing Delays**

Participants are prohibited from engaging in activities that cause delays or affect the race, such as dancing, changing clothes, playing musical instruments, fundraising, or requesting autographs. Participants must follow the Organizer's instructions to avoid disrupting the race.

### **9.10 Littering**

Participants are not allowed to litter on the race course. If caught or reported through images, participants will not have their results recognized. Used items like wrappers, candy, gel packets, etc., should be kept in the participant's own bag until reaching a checkpoint and disposed of in designated trash bins.

### **9.11 BIB Issues**

Participants who wear a BIB not assigned to them will be disqualified from the race.