

# Dog Etiquette

## Color Me Mutt 5K, 1-Mile & Pet Parade

These guidelines are in place to maximize a long future of dog-friendly racing during the Color Me Mutt 5K in Sevierville. In order to make this day a success, please abide by the following guidelines:

- If you are attending the event with your dog and are not a competitive runner, please start at the back of the pack and off to the right side.
- If your dog has never been involved in a event that includes a large crowd like at the race start, please use this as a learning experience. Position yourself in the back of the pack of runners and off to the right side.
- **ALL RUNNERS WITH DOGS, PLEASE KEEP TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD AT ALL TIMES.**
- If you're running with your dog, please carry a poop bag on the race course. If your pup needs to "use the facilities," please clean up after your dog and discard the bag in one of the designated trash cans on the race course. They will be marked with a poop emoji! We always have poop bags available at registration. Please take one when you check in.
- If, and only if, you are a competitive runner who regularly runs 5Ks with your dog, feel free to start in your appropriate part of the pack (fastest runners in front), but still off to the right side. Please run closer to the right side of the race course when there are other runners in the area.
- Please use a regular leash (preferably 4 feet). If you only have a retractable leash, please lock it at 4 feet for the duration of the event including the post-race festivities and Pet Parade.
- Please do not put your race bib on your dog.
- Please do not position yourself inside the pack of runners at the start/finish line.

