

Mutt Strut 2019

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

April 27th - 8:30 AM - Race Starts at 550 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601 in front of Halls Chophouse.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

How much are the race entry fees?

Children under 6 years of age race free. Children between the ages of 7 - 12: \$20/per person.

First 1,000 Registrants: \$30.00/per person

Registrants 1,001 – 2,500: \$35.00/per person

Online Individual and Team Registration (Ends 4/23/19 at Midnight):

Teams (4 person minimum): Team registration includes a t-shirt and ends April 23rd at midnight. There will be **no team registrations accepted after this date**. Individuals who raise a minimum of \$100 will be refunded for their registration fee in full.

Children: Registration is FREE for children 6 and under. T-shirts are not included but can be purchased for \$15 at the race and online during registration. (Sizes are not guaranteed.) Children between the ages of 7 – 12 are \$20/per person with a t-shirt included in the registration price.

How do I sign up to race after online registration closes?

Online registration closes on April 26th at midnight.

Attend individual packet pick-up on **Thursday, April 25th from 12:00 NOON – 6:30 PM or Friday, April 26th from 12:00 NOON – 6:30 PM**, and walk-up to a separate table for late registration—fee is \$40.00/person, is for individuals ONLY and includes a t-shirt (sizes not guaranteed).

Walk-up Registration at the Greenville Humane Society (Individual Only - 305 Airport Road, Greenville SC 29607) - 4/24/19, 4/25/19 and 4/26/19 - 12:00pm - 6:30pm: \$40.00/per person

Register on **Race Day (April 28th) from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM** at the Registration Tent—fee is \$40.00/person, is for individuals ONLY, and includes a t-shirt (sizes not guaranteed).

What are the Mutt Strut rules about dogs?

All dogs are welcome, but are not required. You do not need to own/bring a dog to participate in Mutt Strut. Due to the high volume of dogs, it is preferred that animal participants are spayed or neutered.

ALL DOGS MUST BE kept on a leash and under supervision at all times. Retractable leashes are discouraged, but if used, must be locked at 4' during the race. Dogs must also be dog and people-friendly, 6 months or older, and up to date on all vaccinations.

You are responsible for cleaning up after your dog. Please bring your own waste clean-up bags or get one from our volunteers along the race course.

Where is the race course?

The race starts and finishes on South Main Street at:

550 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601 in front of Halls Chophouse

Where do I park?

Downtown Parking Options

County Square – 301 University Ridge - FREE

To walk to the race start from County Square follow Howe St. to the Governor's School roundabout. Walk north on University St. towards Augusta. Turn right onto S. Main St and head north to race start. The race begins at 8:30am on South Main Street in front of Halls Chophouse.

Broad Street Garage – 135 E. Broad Street

To walk to the race start from Broad Street Garage follow East Broad St. to South Main St. The race begins at 8:30am on South Main Street in front of Halls Chophouse.

Richardson Street Garage – 66 Richardson Street - FREE

To walk to the race start from Richardson St. follow North Main St. until it turns into South Main Street. The race begins at 8:30am on South Main Street in front of Halls Chophouse.

Where can people stand and wait before race begins?

Participants can utilize S. Main Street up to Falls Park and Falls Park Drive.

Why are the START/FINISH banners backwards?

So that they are correct in photos!

How late can I start the race?

No participants will be allowed to register after 8:05 am. All participants must be through the start line within twelve minutes of race start.

How can I identify race staff?

Race staff will be dressed brightly in shirts that read MUTT STRUT STAFF on the back.

How do I put on a race-bib?

Race-bibs should be pinned securely with the provided safety pins to the front of your race shirt.

Will there be awards for the race?

Yes! Awards and prizes are given to team and individual winners and include (but are not limited to) race medals, trophies, sponsor gifts, prize packages & more!

The Awards Ceremony takes place on the Awards Stage at 9:30 AM.

Award Categories:

Top Dog Fundraiser: Top individual fundraiser

Proudest Pack: Top fundraising team

Best in Show—Mutt & Master: First overall male & female finisher with a dog

Best in Show: First overall male & female finisher without a dog

Leader of the Pack: First male & female finishers per age group

WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR TEAM! The team that raises the most money (Proudest Pack) will win a pizza party, compliments of our presenting sponsor Papa John's! All team donations must be submitted to the Registration Tent by 8:30 AM on Race Day in order to qualify.

Is there an age limit?

Only for your dog—they must be 6 months or older.

If you are bringing an older dog, remember that the heat and length of the race may cause fatigue—be sure to be prepared to provide comfort for your senior pup! Wagons are welcome and well-received.

Are strollers allowed?

Yes! Both child and dog strollers are permitted. However, dogs in strollers must still be on a leash at all times.

Will water be provided for racers and dogs?

Yes, there will be water stations for both humans and dogs located throughout the race course.

Is the course wheelchair-accessible?

Yes!

If I cancel, can I get a refund?

Yes, but only if you cancel before April 18th at midnight.

Where and when do I pick up my race number and t-shirt?

Teams: Race Packets can be picked up BY TEAM CAPTAINS ONLY at the Greenville Humane Society on Thursday, April 25th from 12:00 NOON – 6:30 PM and Friday, April 26th from 12:00 NOON – 6:30 PM. WE WILL NOT BREAK UP TEAM PACKETS.

Teams will not be able to pick up their Race Packets on Race Day.

Individuals: Race packets can be picked up at the Greenville Humane Society on Thursday, April 25th from 12:00 NOON – 6:30 PM and Friday, April 26th from 12:00 NOON – 6:30 PM. GHS is located at 305 Airport Rd. Individuals can also pick up their race packets on Race Day from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM at the Entrance to Falls Park.

Do I get a t-shirt with registration?

Registration for children 6 and under does not include a t-shirt. However, t-shirts are available for \$15 during Race Day registration (while supplies last).

We would love to be able to provide each child with a free t-shirt, however, this is our only fundraiser for the year, so it is extremely important to cover costs. Thank you for your understanding and for helping ensure these much needed donations go back to the animals.

Individual and team registrations before the cutoff dates (see question 1) include a free t-shirt. Registrations after those dates will include a t-shirt but only while supplies last—we cannot guarantee sizes.

My child is under the age of 6. Can he/she still join a team?

Yes! Registration is FREE for children under 6 years of age and they are counted as a member of your team.

DONATION AND FUNDRAISING QUESTIONS

Who benefits from the proceeds of the Mutt Strut?

100% of the proceeds benefit the Greenville Humane Society. GHS is one of the largest no-kill facilities in the Southeast and found homes for over 6,400 animals in 2018. The money raised from this event will go towards sheltering, feeding and vaccinating all of our animals, as well as providing medicine for sick animals in our foster program.

I have offline pledges/donations that I would like to enter. How do I do that?

You can mail checks to our facility, but please drop off cash donations in person.

Mail checks to: Greenville Humane Society

Attention: Julia Glass

305 Airport Rd.

Greenville, SC 29607

In addition, please enclose the following information:

Your name, email address, and/or phone number.

Donor name, email address, and/or phone number.

How do I raise money for my participation and to support the cause?

Above all, be persistent and explain to people how their donations will directly impact the life of a homeless animal.

Here are some examples of the lifesaving services made possible by their donations:

\$15 provides shelter, care, and food for a hungry animal for 1 day.

\$30 provides formula to feed an orphaned, newborn puppy or kitten for 6 weeks.

\$35 provides medical care (spay/neuter surgery & vaccines) for a homeless puppy or kitten

\$50 ensures that a sick shelter animal has the opportunity to receive foster care.

Here are some tips to help you reach your goal:

Tell your friends and family. Inform them why you are participating in this event and how their donations could positively impact the lives of homeless pets. Ask them to make a donation in honor of you or a beloved pet.

Use social media. Post frequent fundraising updates on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.

Use snail mail. Compose personal letters and send them to your neighbors, relatives and friends.

Provide them with a stamped return envelope and make donating a breeze!

Ask for support. Ask your employer, parents, relatives, or friends to match the funds you raise.

Celebrate your birthday. Ask friends to donate in lieu of presents.

Offer a service. Babysit, wash cars, mow lawns, or pet sit for donation money. You can also sell lemonade, baked goods, or have a yard sale!

Throw a party. Have all of your guests bring a donation!