



IN SUPPORT OF
**ONTARIO
SPCA**
AND HUMANE SOCIETY

OTTAWA VALLEY DOGGY PADDLE

CANOE CANINES ~ KAYAK KITTENS ~ SUP PUPS

UPPER OTTAWA DOGGY PADDLE EVENT OVERVIEW

BEFORE THE EVENT

Register

The event has a maximum capacity of 100 paddlers. This means there is limited space so book your spot soon.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/doggy-paddle-tickets-162425092825>

Registration Fees = \$40 per person + Eventbrite fees

Registration helps to pay for a catered lunch after the paddle, an event t-shirt, event swag and other costs associated with implementing an event!

FUNDRAISE, FUNDRAISE, AND FUNDRAISE!

This is what we are all here for. Send this link to your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors or anyone who will listen. 100% of the funds raised using this link will go to the Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre.

DONATIONS PAGE:

https://secure.ontariospca.ca/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app357a?df_id=5750&5750.donation=form1&mfc_pref=T&fbclid=IwAR1IBTIfXYDXOv6A5oLODrvVayK-dsYC2JJ1P8J7ag03tAHwhXkeR_G_FyQ&NONCE_TOKEN=989685192217355A551B58EF8A71F46B

NO REIMBURSEMENTS of registration fees will be made for the event as costs are incurred to implement the event and all proceeds will benefitting a local charity.

PRIZES

Prizes donated by local businesses and manufacturers or wholesalers will be available for viewing at the time of check-in. Each person will receive at least ONE ticket for registering for the event. In addition, participants will also receive an extra ticket for every \$100 they raise. Each prize will be on display with a container in front of it. Participants will have the opportunity to enter their ticket(s) in for the draw of a prize of their choice.

PADDLE!

Get out on the water! Whether you want to have Fido in your canoe or test out paddling minimum of 5km, make sure you are up for the task – better to be safe than sorry. Like they say practice makes purrrrr-fect.

Doggy Paddle



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DON'T HAVE A BOAT OR BOARD?

No worries! A limited amount of boats or boards will be available for use in the event for free. These **MUST** be booked in advance – email ccoyle@petawawa.ca for details and availability.

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

You will receive an email reminding you about the upcoming event coming up. It will contain info you need to know for the event, a few reminders and other information. If you need to know more info or have questions email ccoyle@petawawa.ca or call 613-687-5678* 2102. In the meanwhile keep your paddle in the water and make sure you keep sharing the donations page info.

DAY OF EVENT

Where Do I Go?

The event will take place at Petawawa Point Beach (1073 Islandview Drive, Petawawa). A fenced off section of the beach will be reserved for this event located adjacent to the beach hut.

Check-in – ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST check-in to verify they are onsite and will be present and participating in the event. At Check-in participants will also receive their event t-shirt and any other event related items.

Waivers – ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST complete an event waiver to be able to participate in the event. Participants who are under the age of 18 MUST have a parent or guardian complete and sign a waiver and be present at the event for them to be able to participate in the event.

Before Event Start – All participants, staff and volunteers will gather prior to the event start to listen to a safety brief and description of the route, identify route leaders and other pertinent information about event safety and relevant information.

Paddle – There will be 2 groups' a 5km route for beginner paddlers (those with children or with pets on board) and a 10km route for experienced paddlers. Each route will be led by a group leader and various volunteer paddlers. AT ANY TIME the leader will be able to modify or shorten the route for safety, weather or timing reasons.

Upon Return - Paddlers will be asked to return to where they checked in to receive a meal ticket. This will provide organizers a chance to verify ALL PADDLERS have returned.

Meals – Individual meals will be served once you return from your paddle. Any food concerns or allergies can be noted when you register using the Eventbrite page.

Awarding Prizes – Winning tickets will be drawn and prizes will be awarded at the end of the meal.

SAFETY FIRST!!!

Safe Paddling

ALL paddlers or any participant that will be taking part in the event who will be on or in the water will be required to wear a personal floatation device (it MUST be worn NOT on or in your boat/board. Paddlers will also be required to have the appropriate safety kit for their vessel including but not limited to a bail bucket, 15m throw rope, a signaling device (whistle), paddleboards (are exempt to having a bailing bucket – but are required to have and use a board leash).

Paddle Responsibly - remember this is not a race. Paddle as a group and keep an eye out for your fellow paddlers as well as their furry friends.

Be Ready - with water, sunscreen, hats and appropriate clothing and footwear.

Buddy System – you may have your furry best friend with you but make sure to paddle alongside a non-furry friend for safety.

Safety Boaters

Safety boats will be at the event to accompany paddlers on route. Event organizers will be working with the Marine Unit of the local OPP to slow or stop boat traffic when crossing the boat channel during the start and finish of the event.

Leaders will set the pace and provide direction taken for each of the routes. Sweepers will also be in place at the rear of each route to ensure that all paddlers are completing the route or to assist those in need of assistance.

IF you need help at any time flag down or use your whistle to get their attention and find the help you need.

First Aid

First aiders will be at the beach and on the motor boat throughout the duration of the event to assist with any incidents before, during, or after the event. Leaders and Sweepers will be first aid certified and will be present on both routes. First Aid Kits will be available at the beach house as well as available on any of the rescue boats.

An AED will remain onsite at the beach house in any case that it is required.

Before you Set Sail

All participants will be at the safety briefing that will occur immediately before the paddle starts. Safety and day of information will be passed on to participants so they are aware of any hazards or changes in routes or the event.

Your Furry Friends

Leashes

ALL animals must be leashed when on land. You know your animal best so make sure to give other animals space as not all animals react to others or large groups the same way. Leashes will help to make this happen and stay safe.

Poop & Scoop

Please remember this is a public location – make sure to scoop. Bags will be available just in case you leave yours at home.

PFDs

It is highly recommended that any animals participating in the event wear a canine PFD as in emergencies anything can happen and we want everyone to be safe.

COVID PROTOCOLS

All staff, volunteers and participants for this event will abide by all the “at the time of” Ontario Regulations pertaining to protocols for COVID-19 and hosting events.

In the event of increased cases or changes to Provincial Guidelines the event may be postponed or cancelled.

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

The following businesses have sponsored this event as they believe in it as much as we all do. Make sure to pass on your support too.

