

# Get ready to Walk 100km in November

Thank you for choosing to walk 100km with your dog throughout November. Your challenge helps Macmillan continue to do whatever it takes for people living with cancer – and we couldn't be more grateful.

You've already taken the first step towards making a big difference and we want your challenge to be a huge success, so we have included a few ideas in this pack to help you feel prepared.

# The challenge

You'll enjoy being active as you walk 100km with your furry friend throughout the month of November.

# Why?

You'll be making an incredible difference to the lives of people living with cancer.

# How to sign up

It's simple:

- Join the Walk 100km with your Dog <u>Facebook group</u>.
- Complete your <u>registration here</u> or via the pinned post in the group.
- We'll automatically create a Facebook and Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser for you.
- Receive your FREE dog bandana.

# Kick off your fundraising

<u>Registering</u> to get your fundraising page is the easiest way to start collecting donations from your friends and family.

We're asking supporters to pledge a £125 fundraising target to help us to continue to provide vital support to people living with cancer.

# Your FREE Macmillan dog bandana

It's time to get prepared and get your pup looking the part with their Macmillan bandana! Once you've filled out your registration form, simply look out for your bandana in the post ahead of the challenge. It should be with you within 2 weeks of ordering it.



# You're going the distance for people living with cancer

At Macmillan, we give people with cancer everything we've got. If you're diagnosed, your worries are our worries. We will move mountains to help you live life as fully as you can. And we don't stop there. We're going all out to find ever better ways to help people with cancer, helping to bring forward the day when everyone gets life-transforming support from day one. We're doing whatever it takes. But without your help we can't support everyone who needs us.

Share the statistics below with your friends and family and let them know the incredible difference their donations could make.

- explaining graphically the signs and symptoms of some common cancers. This has become one of our most popular resources and is particularly popular with men, who are often reluctant to pick up other materials.
- £10 Every £10 we spend on our phone service could lead to our welfare rights advisers on our Macmillan Support Line helping people affected by cancer to claim £305 in benefits they are entitled to.
- could provide one session of emotional support to a person living with cancer with a Macmillan Buddy.
- could help run our Online Community forum for 1 hour. In this time, 80 people affected by cancer in the UK can give emotional and practical support to each other on anything to do with cancer from treatments, to coping with everyday life, to the death of a loved one.
- could pay for a Macmillan nurse for 1 hour, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical, and emotional support.



There's no better time than now to get fundraising, so here are some of our top tips on how to get your fundraising moving.

# **Back yourself**

One of the best ways to show your friends and family that you are serious about your challenge is backing yourself first! Take the first step and donate £10 to your page. People who do this can raise a whopping 84% more!

# Share your story

Update your fundraising page, post on social media, and tell people why the money you're raising is vital in providing financial, emotional and medical support when people need it most.

# **Update your socials**

Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter... you name it. Read our top 5 tips for fundraising on social media. 20% of donations come in after the challenge ends, so make sure to thank your friends and family on your socials.

# Look the part

Go green - make the most of your Macmillan bandana and snap some photos of your dog to share on social media, to let people know you're supporting Macmillan Cancer Support.

# **Show your progress**

You're taking on an incredible challenge and people should know about it! If you use any fitness trackers, take a screenshot of your progress to share your achievement. You can even track your kilometres on your <u>Macmillan fundraiser!</u>

# Host a quiz or a bake sale

Boost your fundraising by hosting a quiz night or bake sale with your friends and family to raise extra funds.

# Make it work

Have a chat to your HR department and find out if your employers offer a matched funding scheme. If they don't, ask them to set one up or to make a one-off donation.

# Social media templates to help you spread the word

Wondering what to say on your fundraising page? We've put together some examples on what to say when sharing your page on social media. Feel free to use these templates and put your own spin on things if you wish!

# Before your challenge

## **Example 1**

Me and [name of dog] are just [insert number of week(s)] away from starting our Walk 100km in November Challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support! Please help us kickstart our fundraising by supporting us here: [insert your fundraiser URL here]

Thank you 🖤

# Example 2

Support me and [name of dog] as we Walk 100km in November for Macmillan! We'll be walking 100km throughout the month to support people living with cancer. Please help us make the biggest difference by donating to our fundraiser below: [insert your fundraiser URL here]

Thank you 💚

# **During your challenge**

# **Example 1**

Today is the day that we officially begin our month-long walking challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support. [Name of dog] and I are so excited to get started and share the journey with you! Please help us get off to the best start by donating to our fundraising page and let's make the biggest difference to people living with cancer: [insert your fundraiser URL here]

Thank you 💚

# Example 2

We're officially halfway through walking 100km for Macmillan Cancer Support! Why not donate the price of your takeout coffee to our fundraiser? £6 could pay for 10 copies of the new edition of Preparing a Child for Loss, a resource we've produced in partnership with Winston's Wish. You can support our fundraising here: [insert your fundraiser URL here] Thank you

# After your challenge

## **Example 1**

A huge thank you for supporting me and [insert dog's name] during our Walk 100km challenge for Macmillan Cancer Support. There's still time to help us reach our target! Just the price of a £10 cocktail could go towards Macmillan's welfare rights advisors on their Support Line help people affected by cancer claim £305 in benefits they're entitled to. Our fundraising page is: [insert your fundraiser URL here]

Thank you 🖤

# Sponsorship form

My name	My address		
My event			
I'm fundraising with			

Make every £1 worth 25p more. Gift Aid boosts donations and you won't miss out on sponsors who don't use online donations like JustGiving. After the event, send us this completed sponsorship form to:

Supporter Donations, Macmillan Cancer Support, PO Box 791, York House, YORK, YO1 0NJ

Title	Forename	Surname	First line of address (Please don't give your work address as it'll stop Macmillan claiming Gift Aid)	Postcode	Date paid	Your donation	Gift Aid (please tick)		
Mrs	Jane	Smith	321A	CR1 3FG	26.04.22	£10.00	~		
Good news! If you pay tax in the UK, you can Gift Aid your donation. Just make sure you ask each sponsor to fill in their name, address and donation amount in their own writing – otherwise, we can't claim Gift Aid. *All fields are mandatory.									



Do you pay tax? If so, by simply completing this form you can boost the value of your gift by 25p for every £1 without costing you a penny. If I have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid?', I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want Macmillan Cancer Support to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.



# Walk 100km with your Dog

# **Progress tracker**

Tick off your kilometres here as you complete your challenge this November!



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**Great start** 

Keep going

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Half way 

Almost there 

**Total kilometres** 

Thank you so much for your support!



YAY

MACMILLA **CANCER SUPPORT** 



A registered charity

# Walk 100km with your dog



Names of you and your dog(s)

# completed

Distance

# in November and raised

Fundraising total

# for Macmillan Cancer Support

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# **Key FAQ's**

# Registration link Facebook group

# **General FAQs**

## Can I complete the kilometres at my own pace during the month of the challenge?

Definitely. You can split the kilometres up in the way that suits you and your dog best. The important thing is that you're giving your best to support people living with cancer.

# Can I start the challenge late or early?

We will be encouraging everyone to start and finish the challenge during November. However, if you are joining the challenge later or you have lost some time, you can continue into December.

## How can I keep track of the number of kilometres I am doing each day?

You'll receive a tracker in the post and in your digital fundraising pack which you can use to mark the number of kilometres you've completed each day.

Alongside this, you can log your kilometres digitally in your <u>Macmillan Cancer Support</u> fundraiser, which we'll email to you once you've registered.

You can also use digital apps such as Strava to track your kilometres.

### Do I need to provide evidence to the charity that I have done the challenge?

No, however we do love to see your photos so make sure to share them on our <u>Facebook</u> group or tag us @MacmillanCancer.

### What level of fitness do I need to have?

A reasonable level of fitness is required to complete this challenge, but it should be accessible to most. That said, you should go at your own pace that's comfortable for you, so please seek the advice of your GP if you have any concerns.

You can also adapt the challenge to suit your dog's individual needs, please seek the advice of your vet if you have any concerns about your dog's health/ability to take part.

# **Key FAQ's (continued)**

### Can I take part if I'm under 18?

Thank you for wanting to support us. As you are under 18 we need your parent or guardian to get in touch with us. They can call us on 0300 1000 200 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm). If you have already registered in your name we will need to follow these steps:

- Remove you from our Facebook group as this is for over 18s only
- Cancel your registration
- If you have created a fundraiser, please go to your fundraising page on Facebook, click 'edit' and 'end fundraiser'.

# Your Macmillan Dog Bandana

# How long will my free dog bandana take to arrive?

Once you registered, please allow around 2 weeks for your bandana to arrive.

## What do I do if my dog bandana hasn't arrived after two weeks?

Please DM Macmillan on social media and the support team will investigate this for you and order a new one if necessary.

# **Fundraising questions**

### How much of the donations go directly to Macmillan?

For donations made in Great British Pounds (GBP), the payment processing fee on Facebook is 1.4% + 20p. The rest of your donation goes straight to Macmillan. When you donate, Facebook asks if you'd like to cover these fees. If you choose to do so, 100% of your donation will go to Macmillan.

### Can we fundraise as a group?

Yes. If you would like to fundraise as a group, then we encourage all participants to have their own registration to make getting your dog bandana's quick and easy. When you register you will automatically be set up with an individual fundraising page. We recommend you close additional pages and share just one of your fundraising pages as a group.

# Is there a minimum fundraising target?

There is no minimum fundraising amount, but we are asking everyone taking part in the challenge to aim for £125 to fund our vital services for people living with cancer.

