

Hi Everyone,

Some disappointing news for many, we're afraid today :(

We have made the decision to postpone The Run for Wildlife 5k, due to take place on October the 11th.

The event will now take place on the 25th of April 2021 and we will also have a virtual option.

We've been working so hard over the last few weeks to bring great events back safely for our runners. We have successfully done this with the 10k at Normanby Hall, taking place last Sunday, and with the Hedgehog Half , which will go ahead in the next 4 weeks.

However, while we are very confident we can deliver a very safe event weekend with the Run for Wildlife 5k, we feel the operations we will put in place may slightly dampen the experience of the day and that's not what we want 😊

Clearly, a massive part of the run are the amazing animals and the event as a whole day vs just the run... simply put we think by going ahead we would remove some of the magic that has made this event into the UK's Number One, 5k event. How we have made other events happen is by putting people into waves of predicted finish times. This would mean that you would not be able to stop for an animal selfie or to have a look at the animals... and this for a lot of people is just not The Run For Wildlife event that they know and love.

We've still got a commitment to make sure we help the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation and the great causes they support. This year's original Spring event was 'Otter themed' so we could share the work the Foundation has done with the Giant Otters. (with amazing Otter medals!)

Our virtual event option offers the potential for us still to match the money raised in 2020!

So, what happens next?

- **Move to Spring 2021 (25th April)**, You don't have to do anything... we will automatically transfer everyone across to the new date with any spectators passes, fun run entries or t-shirts you've added on.
- **Virtual option**, For those still wanting to take part in the 5k this October we have a virtual option. We will send out an option question for this to all our runners a few times over the next two weeks, simply respond yes and we will pop you over to our new virtual event.

Take part in your own 5k Run for Wildlife and **we will post out the amazing Otter medal and we will include a superb Otter technical running t-shirt!**

This will take place on event weekend (but you can do your run from the 9th of October until the 19th). We will then arrange a refund for any spectator passes, t-

shirts already purchased (as we include one awesome Otter themed t-shirt) and junior runners we will contact you individually about. A further virtual event information pack will be prepared over the next week, so you know how to submit results and can join in the event weekend virtual party!

We will have prizes for best dressed, most 'Otterly' runner and will be encouraging you to set up your own Wildlife Park!)

- **For any further transfer, refund, swaps or queries** please get in touch; contact@curlysathletes.co.uk. Please be patient with our response time as we have 1000 runners to help 😊 ... but we will get back to you.

Thank you for your continued support of Curly's and the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Foundation 😊

FAQ:

Q – Have you told the Giant Otters about this yet, we have... and they are disappointed but look forward to squeaking at everyone going past in Spring 2021 😊 ... The Smooth Otters refused to comment 😊

Q – Does this mean your other planned events are cancelled? ... absolutely not, we're working through each event and re-designing as we go. But we're not afraid to cancel if we don't believe we can either hold the event safely or it's not going to be fun for the runner! ... we're doing our very best to do the right thing in a very fluid environment.

Q – I'm already entered as a virtual runner? Then you don't need to do anything ... but get ready to get running 😊

Q – Does the virtual event support the YWP Foundation, absolutely ... in fact if everyone moved to the virtual option, we would raise at least the same amount of money for the foundation (who knows ... maybe more!)

Q – I chose to move across to the virtual run, when will I get my t-shirt and medal? ... Everything will be posted out straight after the event date on the 11th of October 😊

Q – I chose to move across to the virtual run, how do I tell you what size t-shirt I want?... We will be sending this question out at the same time as asking you if you wish to join us virtually 😊

Q - I have a junior 'lion runner' entered, we will contact all the people with Lion runners on a separate email and you will get a choice to join in virtually (and we send out a medal) ... if we don't receive a response we will simply move across with the adult entry to 2021.

Q – I've bought spectator passes, t-shirt what happens to these? These will all be automatically moved across

Q – Will this mean the Spring 5k event is now also sold out! ... yes initially it will, however we have plans for a brand new course as new sections of the park expansion open up... meaning more new fantastic animals and more fantastic runners!

Q – This year themed medal is Otter, will it be the same for Spring 2020? ... Now this is something we will work out based on how popular the virtual run is! ... we have 1350 medals and we don't want them to go to waste... we hate waste! But we do know if you take part in this year's virtual event you won't want the same medal in 2021 so we will make sure you don't if you join us again in Spring 2021!

Anything else... please just get in touch at contact@curlysathletes.co.uk, it may take longer than normal to respond so we thank you for your patience and we will do our best to make everything go smoothly for you 😊

Thank your support from Curly's (and the Otters!)