

Hello Ceevacs.

This first Ceevacs Summer Fun Run/Walk was an amazing success with at least 55 Runners/Walkers and 4 dogs, in attendance.

It was by far the most that I have ever seen at a Summer Fun Run. Thank you to everyone involved.

I hope that everyone in Ceevacs knows that I love dogs and cats, but here comes the tough part:

This email became necessary when I was approached once by an individual and then by a group about dogs at Pot Lucks and Ceevacs events in general.

As long as I can remember, there has been a no pets rule for Ceevacs sanctioned events, such as Saturday or Wednesday Fun Runs/Walks.

Just to make sure that I was on the right track I contacted past president Ray Billings and he shared his recollections which reflected my own.

There have been incidents of dogs tripping people, fighting, or stealing food, and there have been incidents of poop being missed and on occasion they lifted a leg in the wrong spot. I know that these things rarely happen, but sadly even the best behaved pets are not perfect.

If you wish to organize a private run/walk/hike even with Ceevacs members and it is clear that dogs are allowed and or encouraged, of course that is your right. I have been up Mt Tzouhalem many times with some of you where I expected dogs. I have also been on the Trail and or regular road runs where pets were expected and encouraged, but they were not supposed to be Ceevacs Runs.

If you are hosting a Fun Run/Walk we certainly don't expect you to put the family Dog in the basement, but they should not be on the Run Portion and while as difficult as it may be, please keep your pets away from any food.

I'm sorry that this email became necessary but as it stands:

Dogs are not allowed at Ceevacs Runs.

Thanks

Bill