



DURRELL



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# THE DURRELL CHALLENGE

13K RACE & REALLY WILD DAY

17 MAY 2020

## DURRELL CHALLENGE AND REALLY WILD DAY 2020 – RACE POSTPONED

In light of the current environment surrounding COVID-19 and in particular the uncertainty that surrounds travel and social gatherings, it is with much regret that we today announce the postponement of the Durrell Challenge and Really Wild Day to the new date of Sunday 27 September 2020.

All runners who have already registered for the Durrell Challenge 2020 will automatically have their entries deferred to Sunday 27 September 2020. For runners who are unable to join us on this new event date, we will introduce a virtual run challenge on the same day, that will allow runners to participate from any location. Full details will be shared in the near future.

For our VIP runners and fundraisers, we kindly ask that you continue with your incredible fundraising efforts as our work here at Durrell doesn't stop during this global pandemic. The spread of Coronavirus is thought to have started in wildlife markets which exacerbate the spread of diseases between animals and people. Our planet, and the species we share it with, is under threat and wildlife markets and the illegal wildlife trade are only increasing these pressures. Durrell's work protecting habitats and endangered species has never been more vital.

Our team will be contacting each VIP runner shortly to update on our plan.

The Really Wild Day and Wild Quest has also been postponed but tickets that have been pre-purchased will be valid for the new date of Sunday 27 September 2020.

We are so sorry that we are in this situation, especially as many of you will have trained hard and organised travel to our Island. We do however believe that this is the correct decision, and in the best interests of our runners, stakeholders and the wider community.

As you will appreciate this will be a busy time for our team and so we kindly ask for your patience as we update new event information and share with you all as soon as we can.

Thank you all for your understanding and support.

**The Durrell Challenge Team**