

## **HASTINGS & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB Inc**

### **GENERAL CLUB RULES**



**The Committee and Instructors ask you to observe, note and comply with the following:**

1. Upon joining, all members agree to be bound by the rules & regulations of the club.
2. Under no circumstances is a handler permitted to hit his/her dog while training on the grounds.
3. Bitches “in season” are not permitted on the grounds.
4. Dogs must be fully immunized.
5. All members, including instructors, committee & life members, must sign in at every session.
6. Training fees must be paid before training.
7. Membership badges must be worn at all times.
8. All members are expected to help with either the setting up or packing up of the equipment. Please see the instructors for directions. Those physically unable to help will be given other jobs.
9. “Poo Bags” are available at the canteen- It is your responsibility to clean up if your dog soils the ground.
10. Owners must ask the owner of another dog first if you or your dog may approach for a greeting. If a dog is wearing a space coat, please respect their right to their own space & do not approach.
11. Dogs can only be exercised off lead on the very top oval before 9:30am & after 12:30pm on Sundays. As this is not a designated Council off lead area, all dogs must clearly be under effective control. Dogs are not permitted off lead unless supervised by an instructor. Agility dogs must be under effective voice control when off lead.
12. Agility classes are on offer most weeks when trained instructors are available. All dogs attending agility training sessions must be > 12 months old. Dogs under 18 months of age are not permitted to jump obstacles. For safety reasons all agility participants must be under instruction of a trained Instructor at all times. If you wish to participate in agility you will be required to assist with the assembling or disassembling and pack up of the agility equipment.
13. All dogs are to be put away during pack up not tethered, in a “stay”, nor allowed to roam free.
14. All persons, i.e. Members or non-members, are advised that they enter the club grounds and/or participate at their own risk. The club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any accidents for any reason, loss or damage to any person or property.

15. If a dog, at committee's discretion, is deemed to be a risk to members/family or other members' dogs, any decision given by an instructor or committee member must be strictly adhered to.
16. Except under the discretion of the training coordinator, children under the age of 12 must be under the supervision of an adult whilst handling a dog.
17. Do not approach or allow your children to approach dogs that are tethered around the club grounds as some dogs become protective or unpredictable when left alone by their handlers.
18. Dogs may be left in cars provided: there is adequate ventilation & water, the dog cannot escape or bite people passing by & the temperature is not excessive. Owners to monitor.
19. All members are welcome to stay behind after training. If you are having any problems or require information relating to your training, please feel free to speak to an instructor or committee member. They will be only too happy to give you any help they can.
20. In accordance with the VCA ruling on restricted breeds of dogs and the domestic (feral & nuisance) animals act 1994, the club requires owners of restricted breeds to leash & muzzle their dogs on training grounds. Junior handlers are not to be in charge of a restricted breed.  
Non-restricted breeds- the committee will look at specific dogs on individual basis and require them to wear a muzzle if it is felt necessary for the comfort & safety of all members & their dogs.
21. No dogs are permitted in the clubhouse.
22. No smoking within a 10 meter radius of the clubhouse.

### **Club Rules for Ring Work**

1. One ring can be constructed each week on request but help with construction and/or deconstruction is mandatory. If you wish to do Open or UD work you will be required to assist with assembling & disassembling any additional equipment.
2. Members who would like to use the ring for individual trial work are required to pay their training fees & give their ticket to an instructor before entering the ring.
3. An Instructor will supervise the smooth running of the ring however feedback will only be given if sufficient instructors are available on the day. If you wish to do your work in the ring without using the services of an instructor, you are quite welcome to do so but please be conscious of other members who may wish to use the ring.