

Rules of the Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club Inc

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In order to keep both humans (our clients and our instructors) and dogs safe during training classes; and to ensure a pleasant experience for everyone; the following rules apply: -

1. We ask that anybody suffering from an infectious illness refrain from attending a training venue until they are no longer infectious.
2. All legal requirements to do with COVID-19 must be met, including (but not limited to) the requirement to self-isolate following a test and prior to receiving results. If anyone in your household/place of work/other area of interaction has been tested, you must not attend a training venue until they have received a negative result.
3. Participants in classes must treat others with respect at all times.
4. Children are the responsibility of their caregivers and must be fully supervised at all times and not allowed to distract dogs in training. For safety reasons, they are not permitted in areas where training is taking place – they must remain in the clubrooms or on the verandah area outside.
5. Smoking is not allowed in the clubrooms or during classes.
6. Dogs are at all times the responsibility of their owners/handlers. The Club accepts no liability for any damage or injuries caused by dogs.
7. Dogs must be on a lead at all times except when fully confined in a vehicle or when carrying out a training exercise under the supervision of an instructor. Instructor's dogs may however be off-lead for demonstration purposes.
8. Dogs must not be allowed to approach other dogs unless with the express permission of the other dog's handler, and not during classes.
9. Please clean up after your dogs and remove faeces from the grounds for disposal elsewhere. Urine should be washed away if deposited on a paved area or building.
10. We train positively. Hitting or kicking dogs, or harsh leash corrections, are not permitted. While we understand that some dogs need a firmer voice than others, shouting or swearing at dogs is not acceptable. No electronic "shock" collars or similar devices may be used.
11. All dogs present at a training venue must be up-to-date with the core vaccinations - distemper, parvovirus, canine hepatitis (adenovirus type 2), and parainfluenza. Proof of vaccination must be provided. A recent (less than two years old) titre test result stating that the dog is adequately protected against these illnesses will be accepted in lieu of a vaccination certificate.
12. It is strongly recommended that dogs also be vaccinated against kennel cough (also known as canine cough) and, if your vet recommends it, leptospirosis.

13. If your dog is suffering from distemper, parvovirus, canine hepatitis, leptospirosis or kennel cough it may not be present at a training venue until two weeks after symptoms have resolved. No other dog from that household may be present at a training venue until two weeks after the ill dog has become symptom-free. [Note that the symptoms of kennel cough can be mistaken for “something stuck in the throat”. If your dog is showing this symptom, do not bring it to a training venue until it has been seen by a veterinarian.]
14. If your dog has been exposed to any of the above illnesses, it should not return to the training venue for a period of two weeks to ensure it is not incubating the illness.
15. If you have an unwell dog and come to classes without your dog, please ensure that you are wearing clean clothing and footwear and have washed your hands.
16. If your dog has any other type of gastrointestinal illness causing vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it should not return to the training venue until it has been free of symptoms for at least 24 hours.
17. For their safety and out of consideration to other handlers, no bitches in season may be attend a training venue.
18. If your dog is unable to attend classes because of illness or injury, or due to being in season, you may enrol in the next lot of classes free of charge.
19. Dogs classified as “dangerous” by a local authority for any reason will not be permitted in training classes.
20. Dogs classified as “menacing” by a local authority for any reason may, solely at the discretion of the club President and Senior Instructor, be allowed to attend classes. However, if so permitted, they must be muzzled at all times except when fully confined in a vehicle.
21. Dogs that bite or seriously menace any person at a training venue will be barred from attending further classes unless there are clearly extenuating circumstances.
22. Dogs that bite or seriously menace any other dog at a training venue may, at the discretion of the club President and Senior Instructor, be barred from attending further classes or be required to wear a muzzle at all times except when fully confined in a vehicle. When making this decision, the circumstances of the incident will be taken into account.
23. When worn, muzzles must be of the “basket” type allowing panting and drinking.
24. When a dog is excluded from classes for any reason, upon application the training fees for the rest of the course may be refunded, at the discretion of the committee. The same applies if the dog is withdrawn from a class by the owner for a legitimate reason.
25. Instructors must report all instances of dog-human aggression; and all instances of significant and unprovoked dog-dog aggression; to the club President and the Senior Instructor in writing, giving a short account of the circumstances and the names of any witnesses. “Significant” aggression to a dog would normally involve mouth contact, although not necessarily with wounds.