

Coastal Community Dog Training Club Inc.

SUMMARY of CLUB RULES

Coastal Community Dog Training Club Inc. is a volunteer run club providing rewards-based dog training in a family-friendly environment, protecting the welfare of dogs and promoting responsible dog ownership in our community. The following Club Rules apply to all members, volunteers and contractors.

1. Upon joining, all members agree to be bound by the Rules, Member Code of Conduct and Constitution of the Coastal Community Dog Training Club Inc.
2. Handlers must be financial members of the Club to attend training and membership badges must be worn at all times.
3. Training methods used on Club grounds and at Club events are to conform to the Club's training philosophy. Under no circumstances is any person permitted to physically or verbally abuse any dog and harsh handling will not be tolerated.
4. Dogs must be supervised and under effective control at all times. Be aware of your dog and move away from any other dog that shows fear, aggression or warning signs thereof.
5. Do not approach any dog without first asking its handler's permission and give space to those who ask for it. Dogs that are wearing "I need space" attire should be given ample space at all times. Likewise, ask permission before feeding another person's dog (some dogs have allergies).
6. All dogs must be kept on lead at all times during Club training and at Club events, unless instructed to work off-lead by a CCDTC Instructor.
7. Only one dog at a time is permitted in the Club room. (Instructor dogs are exempt from this rule)
8. Do not approach any dog which is tethered or crated. Dogs are unpredictable and may be defensive when unattended or constrained (i.e. not able to move away from an approaching dog).
9. Owners/handlers are responsible for any injury inflicted by their dog on a person, dog or other animal and the costs of treating such injury.
10. All members, volunteers, and contractors, are advised that they enter the Club grounds and participate at their own risk. The Club accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any accidents for any reason, or loss or damage to any person or property.
11. Dogs must be fully immunized and a current vaccination certificate must be provided to the Club upon joining and at every vaccination update thereafter.

12. Any dog showing visible signs of injury or illness may be asked to leave training and seek veterinary advice.
13. Female dogs that are in season are not permitted on Club grounds or at any Club event.
14. Dogs must wear a CCDTC-approved harness or collar and lead at all times during training and at Club events. Correction/check chains or slip collars are NOT permitted as they can be aversive and can cause significant harm to your dog. Prong, pinch and electric shock collars are prohibited.
15. Closed footwear must be worn by all handlers, i.e. thongs, high heels, or sandals are NOT permitted. If you do not wear safe footwear you will be asked to leave training until such time as appropriate footwear is worn.
16. Instructors have authority over their classes and may ask a member to take their dog out of class if it is unable to be controlled, is showing signs of fear and/or stress, or if the member is showing behaviour which is in violation of the Club Rules, Member Code of Conduct or the Constitution of the Club.
17. Children attending Club training sessions and events must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times. Club-approved Junior handlers are permitted to be in the training areas during training classes; however, for safety reasons, other children must wait in the company of a responsible adult outside of the training areas while classes are in progress.
18. Waste management bags are available at the Club rooms. All members must take responsibility for cleaning up their dog's waste.
19. Smoking on the Club grounds during training hours and within a 20-metre radius of the Club Room, toilets and training ground bin is NOT permitted.
20. For insurance purposes all members and volunteers must sign the attendance sheet at each training session they attend.
21. Training may be cancelled due to hot or stormy weather. Advice of cancellation will be made on the Club's social media pages. The Club will endeavour to provide alternate activities where possible and safe to do so.
22. All members are welcome to stay behind after training. If you need help with your dog's training, please speak to an Instructor or committee member. We are here and happy to help you and your dog.