



Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc.

ABN 25 389 922 457

PO Box 900 Queanbeyan, NSW 2620

SAFETY POLICY

1) Terms and Conditions

While on QDDTC grounds, members are responsible for acting in a safe and reasonable manner and ensuring they have their dogs under their control. Members are required to follow reasonable instructions of QDDTC committee members or instructors at all times on QDDTC grounds. QDDTC members agree to follow policies and procedures of the QDDTC, payment of membership is accepted as evidence of agreement.

2) Fire and Emergency Evacuation

In the event of a fire or other emergency, the grounds should be evacuated immediately if safe to do so. A committee member present should raise the alarm and notify the appropriate emergency services department. The **Emergency Assembly Area** is located next to container near the car park entrance.

3) Hazards

QDDTC maintains the training grounds but please be aware of hazards or distractions that may be present including but not limited to uneven ground and wildlife (such as kangaroos, foxes and snakes). Fences do not offer complete containment.

Monaro Archers operate next to our grounds. Please observe signs on fences surrounding the archery club and no club members are allowed to enter the archery grounds whilst the red flags are displayed indicating the range is in use.

4) Injury Reporting

QDDTC is covered by insurance with Dogs NSW.

Any incidents or injuries are to be reported and documented by a committee member. A first aid kit and incident report book are located in the shop container. For serious injuries, Liability Incident Report forms are available on the Dogs NSW website:

www.dogsnsw.org.au/members/member-information/club-forms.html

Report any snake sightings to an instructor or committee member. If you suspect your dog has been bitten, try to restrict their movement and seek veterinary attention as soon as possible. Bandages are available in the first aid kit if required.

Emergency Vet surgeries are at the following locations:

West Queanbeyan Veterinary Hospital phone (02) 6297 5542

Animal Referral Hospital, Fyshwick phone (02) 6280 6344

Canberra Vet Emergency Service, Gungahlin phone (02) 6225 7257

5) Dog Vaccination and Health

All members (new and renewing) must provide evidence of “triennial C3 plus yearly kennel cough or C5” vaccination. Members must notify the club if their dog has suffered or been exposed to any infectious or contagious disease within the past 3 months.

Bitches in season (oestrus) are not permitted on the grounds

6) **Reactive Dogs**

It is the obligation of each owner or handler to take all steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under their care or for which they are responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.

Please ask the owner of another dog first if you or your dog may approach for a greeting. Avoid confrontations, move away if dogs show a dislike to one another.

If your dog has a tendency to bite people or other dogs, it will need to be assessed by the head instructor and may be required to wear a muzzle for safety reasons.

Dogs must be supervised at all times. Do not approach any dog left tethered or any dogs in cars or open vehicles without permission from the owner.

7) **Weather Conditions and Appropriate Clothing**

Classes may be cancelled if weather is extreme, especially if there is heavy rain, as the grounds become waterlogged. A notice on the club website www.queanbeyandogs.org.au and/or Facebook page will be issued if this occurs.

Please ensure that you and your dog remain hydrated in the warmer weather, there are water stations available but we recommend you bring water for yourself and your dog.

Proper footwear must be worn whilst on the training ground. For safety reasons this means enclosed shoes that can be secured safely.

Please bring a hat and sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun, and a jacket if it is wet.

Your dog should be correctly fitted with a collar and leash. Dog coats in winter and cool coats in summer can be used to keep your dog comfortable.

8) **Ground Use and Parking**

Financial members and their dogs are only permitted to use the grounds whilst under the supervision of an instructor. No club members or the general public are permitted to use the fenced grounds outside of training hours.

Please clean up after your dogs. Bags are available in the shop container and bins are located around the grounds for this purpose.

A large carpark is adjacent to the grounds, be aware that dogs and children may be walking through. Please do not park directly in front of the club containers or the gates to the grounds.

9) **Questions or Concerns**

About training matters, please ask your instructor.

For any other information or problems please ask one of our committee members or instructors (identifiable by their red polo shirts and hats).

For specific enquiries, email:

secretary@queanbeyandogs.org.au