



Wollongong Dog Sports Club

Aggressive Dog Policy

WDSC has adopted the following rules as a guide to ensure the safety of all its members and their guests and their canine companions.

- * We will not accept for training any dog identified as a restricted breed (or part thereof) under the NSW Companion Animals Act.
- * Any incidents of aggression or perceived aggression should be reported immediately to any Committee Member and will be recorded.
- * Where a dog displays aggressive or unsociable behaviour, whether contact is made with another dog (or person) or not, then the matter will be recorded and the handler spoken to by a Committee Member. The handler of the offending dog should offer an apology to the other handler. It will be suggested that the handler undertake a self-regulated programme of socialising and obedience for their dog. The handler may be asked to muzzle their dog or use a long lead, which must be used in the correct manner. The club also provides yellow bandanas for members who wish to use them to show that their dog is nervous or aggressive around other dogs and needs space.
- * If a dog constantly shows aggression towards other dogs or if a dog attacks another dog (or person), depending on the severity of the incident, the handler will be put on a formal warning and asked to undertake a period of obedience training and/or private training before returning to the Club.
- * If a dog is unable to be socialised, or if considered a danger to other club members, they may be asked not to come back and offered help. Veterinary intervention should be considered.
- * The President or Committee Members have the right to ask any person to leave the grounds after a serious incident or if there is a perceived risk.
- * After any incident, assistance and advice may be given to the handler. Providing the handler of the dog in question complies, and is cooperative, then a follow up phone call may be made and helpful suggestions offered to the handler.
- * The club will maintain a register of complaints made, and, in the case of a serious incident, a formal warning will be given. On receipt of a third formal warning, the dog and handler will be banned from training.
- * In the case of a severe incident causing injury to another dog or person, immediate exclusion from the club will be considered.