

## Welcome to Stratford Dog Agility Inc.

We trust your involvement will be an enjoyable experience.  
Please make yourself familiar with and abide by, the following by-laws.

### BY LAWS

- **Leave no footprint.** Our training ground is regularly used by other community sporting groups. It is your responsibility to be in control of your dog at ALL times while you are within the precincts of the Pine Lodge Reserve. It is imperative that you clean up after your dog and carry plastic bags for this purpose. Plastic bags containing dog waste are to be disposed of in the designated containers provided by the Club. They **must not** be directly deposited into the general rubbish bins.
- **Dogs are not permitted:**
  - a. in the Club rooms
  - b. the toilets
  - c. on the veranda.
  - d. to be tethered in confined high traffic areas for safety reasons.
  - e. to be off leash while equipment is being set up.
  - f. to be on the training equipment unless taking part in a class.
- **Dogs under 15 months of age must be under constant control of an instructor to train on agility equipment.** It is the handler's responsibility to advise the Instructor if their dog is less than 15 months so training can be adapted.
- **No smoking** in the Club room, on or near the veranda, or on the oval.
- **All children** must be supervised at all times and are not allowed on agility equipment.
- **Junior handlers**, 13 years to 17 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Children under the age of 13** will not be permitted to train a dog (this may be waived subject to adult supervision).
- **Dogs must be vaccinated** in order to participate in training. Members have the responsibility to ensure vaccinations are kept up to date.
- **No bitches in season** allowed on training ground.
- **A member is not permitted and will be asked to leave if they:**
  - a. knowingly bring to Club any dog that has symptoms of a possible contagious illness or flea infestation.
  - b. Intend to train a sick or injured dog.
  - c. are abusive or intimidating towards dogs or people.

- **It is the obligation of each owner to ensure their dog does not behave in an unruly, disruptive or aggressive manner.** All dog incidents will be handled in accordance with VCA Regulation 3.5.6
- **The club accepts no responsibility for injury to handlers or dogs.** It is your responsibility to ensure the safety of yourself and your dog(s) at all times.
- **All handlers and dogs must be physically fit** and able to train for Agility.
- **A club instructor must be present** at all times for training on equipment - unless by prior arrangement.
- **Suitable footwear** (with good traction) must be worn during training. Footwear with metal cleats or spikes is not permitted.
- **Dogs are only permitted to be off leash when:**
  - a. You are training on the agility equipment; or
  - b. You have been given permission to remove the leash by an instructor; or
  - c. All classes have completed for the day, and everyone present agrees to dogs being permitted to socialise together off leash; or
  - d. You are playing and working with your dog in the designated off leash areas.
- **Dogs, when working off leash, must not be permitted to rush up to dogs that are on leash, tethered, crated, or training.**
- **You must bring the following to training each week for your dog:**
  - a. Properly fitted collar or body harness. No correction chains or halters to be used during training.
  - b. Strong leather or fabric lead.
  - c. A drinking water container.
  - d. A crate or xpen is recommended, however it is not essential.
- **Any point of dispute** will be handled according to rules of the Constitution.
- **All Members participating in agility classes must arrive 30 minutes prior to the commencement of class and help with setting up and packing up equipment. No help, no training.**
- **Only one dog per handler in the following classes:**
  - a. Foundation.
  - b. Introduction to agility skills.
  - c. Beginners.