



K9 Agility Club Policies

These rules are designed to promote safety and the smooth running of the club, making it a pleasant experience for all members involved. Please adhere to them at all times.

Any member not complying with the club policies is subject to the provisions of the club's constitution.

Members:

- Handlers must be financial members of the club to attend training.
- Credits – If committee cancel classes for whatever reason, a credit will be given to those who have paid for classes. These refunds will be done sometime in the next month.
- All members must help with either/and the setting up or packing up of equipment. Please see instructors for directions. Those physically unable to help will be given other jobs. Dogs are to be put away during pack up, not tethered, in a stay command or allowed to roam free.
- Walk in sessions are available from time to time however these are at the discretion of committee.
- Children must always be supervised by an adult.
- Children must be over ten years old to handle. However, where the parents (or responsible adult) are already involved in agility, a written application may be made to the Committee to allow the child to handle earlier. Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Dogs:

- Your dog must be fully vaccinated before you can train, and Vaccination certificate/card to be emailed to committee or sighted by a committee member.
- All dogs must be on lead around the club training area, GSDCV building and trailer parking area from ½ hour before the commencement of training until the end of training unless directed otherwise by an instructor during class. Dogs must be under effective voice control when off lead.
- Dogs are not to be tethered at any time to cars or trailers, to the posts of the GSDCV building or within 10m of training areas (dogs may be crated in this area as required).
- Crates: Dogs, when not actively working must be put safely away in their crates in all classes from Foundation to Advanced. There is a no crate, no train policy for all classes.
- Dogs may be left in cars if there is adequate ventilation and water, the dog cannot escape or bite people passing by, and the temperature is not excessive. Owners to monitor.



- Tethered or crated dogs should not be approached by anyone other than their handlers/owners.
- Dogs must not be allowed to bark continuously.
- Disposal of dog waste is the handler's responsibility. Please pick up and place it in bins provided.
- All dogs attending training sessions must be > 12 months old except for Foundation where a dog can be 5 months old.
- The only time you are permitted to use the equipment is under the instruction and guidance of your instructor. No one is allowed to be on any equipment before or after class. This is the time you are meant to be helping lower contacts or move equipment ready for your class.
- The only items that a dog can wear whilst training is a fixed, flat collar with no fixtures or tags etc. and/or ribbons or bands to keep the hair away from the face.
- No ill dogs permitted to train.
 - Kennel Cough: We do put our trust in members to do the right thing. Remembering a lot of us have older dogs at home, puppies, pregnant dogs etc.
 - If your dog has been in contact with an infected dog and if after 7 days your dog shows no symptoms you can return to the club.
 - If you have been in contact with an infected dog and your dog's develops symptoms, then 7 days after the last seen symptom you can return to club
- For the welfare of the dog, any apparently unfit or overweight dogs will be assessed before being allowed to train.
- After an injury involving surgery a current Vet certificate signed and dated by a vet stating that the dog is fit to return to competition agility training must be presented before the dog can return to training. The statement must provide that the dog is fit:
 - to sequence up to 6 obstacles for a dog in Skills Building
 - to undertake an agility course of up to 18 obstacles for a dog in Novice; and
 - to undertake high end competitive agility training consisting of a course with around 24 obstacles for dogs in Intermediate & Advance.
- Bitches that are over four weeks pregnant and up to twelve weeks post whelping are unable to participate in classes held by the club. This rule is based around the fact that agility is a high-level risk dog sport. Pregnancy, whelping, and lactation causes considerable change and stress on the body of the bitch, such as loosening of ligaments and reduced muscle tone, which makes them more prone to injury.
- Any instance of abuse towards dogs or people is unacceptable and will be documented and reported to the committee.



- Bitches in Season (BIS) are allowed to attend training, they are to be kept in their crate when not working and only allowed out to run their turn & to warm up (well away from other dogs) If your dog is bleeding heavily, we ask you please put some dog undies on them to protect our contacts from drips.
- K9 Social Media Policy

We expect all our members to follow this policy. By "Social Media", we refer to a variety of online communities like blogs, social networks, chat room and forums – not just platforms like for example and not limited to Facebook, X (*Twitter*) or TikTok.

The same values that apply in the real world also apply in the virtual world.

You should:

- Be respectful, polite and patient with all members of our club.
- Do not post photos of set up
- Do not share Instructors Notes
- Never post discriminatory, offensive or misleading content

The Committee reserves the right to remove any post's, comments or pictures if they deem them inappropriate. Committee may also restrict your posts to be approved by admin first.

If you have any issues, the appropriate way to raise these are

Speak to a Committee member

OR

Email the club at k9agilityclub@gmail.com