

CLUB RULES

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1. Dog Control

As dog owners, we need to be considerate to everyone in our club, so that stress to our dogs is diminished and that will in itself reduce the level or need for dogs to be aggressive.

You are responsible for your dog at all times, hence you have a duty to be aware of what is happening around you (including the behaviour of your own dog) and to take appropriate action for the safety of your own dog and/or other dogs and people.

To ensure that everyone enjoys our training and our get togethers, a few guidelines need to be followed:

Dogs and Leads

- No members' dog or dogs shall be off-lead during official training sessions unless being trained and supervised by an instructor.
- No dogs off lead within 50m of base camp.
- Permission may be given by an instructor/official to run your dog off lead, in a specific area.
- Any member not complying with a request to place their dog back on lead, by a Committee member or instructor, shall be disciplined at the Committee's discretion.

Dog and Cars

- Dogs must not be left "tethered" to the "outside" of vehicles at any time.
- Keep car doors closed if you leave your dog unattended in your vehicle, but ensure windows are wound down for ventilation
- If your vehicle is left with the back open (eg hatchbacks) ensure dogs are secured, either tethered or crated.
- If you and/or your dog walk past a car containing a dog, allow enough space as to avoid unsettling the dog.

Reactive Dogs

- If you have a 'reactive' dog, please ensure that both your trainer and the Training Coordinator are aware, so that every assistance can be given to allow your dog to enjoy tracking and ensure that your dog is not a threat to anyone or their dog.

Barking Dogs

- If you have a barking dog, try to park away from other dogs as barking will increase arousal and stress in dogs which is not making the experience enjoyable for them or others members. If possible ask other members to keep away from your vehicle to avoid unsettling dogs.

Dogs and Other Dogs

- Keep your dog away from other dogs unless both owners know that their dogs will be happy to meet.
- Where a dog may be contained in a crate do not allow your dog to approach or to stand and stare at the contained dog.

Dogs and Bad Behaviour

- Members' dogs are not permitted to chase or harass livestock or wildlife.
- Should there be an incident of bad or aggressive behaviour by a dog, the Training Coordinator must be notified immediately and may ask the owner with the offending dog to leave.
- TrackWest reserves the right to exclude any dog from training sessions which behaves in an inappropriate manner.

- Bitches in season are not permitted at an event for a minimum three (3) weeks after the onset of oestrus.

2. Training Sessions

- The Training Co-Ordinator or Instructor may order the removal from the training session of any dog or handler whose conduct is objectionable.
- The Committee shall be empowered to discipline any owner or handler who wilfully interferes with another member's training, or another member's dog, or whose behaviour is objectionable.
- Any instances related to the above should be reported to the Committee in writing, within 7 days of the incident.
- Keep to allocated areas — For safety reasons the Training Co-ordinator needs to know where you are.
- Access to Gngara: Check the website and Facebook for regular up-dates.
- Training shall be conducted by the Club at such places and such times as may from time to time be designated by the Committee. To be eligible to attend such training sessions members must follow training programs, methods and regulations as laid down by the Committee in conjunction with the Instructors. These regulations are not to contravene those of the Australian National Kennel Council.

3. Expectations of Members

- All members are expected to volunteer assistance in line with the Club's statement of purposes and to participate as much as possible in Club activities (ie Tracklaying at Trials, Morning Tea).
- Members should ensure that they remove all rubbish and keep tracking areas clean.
- Members shall take all reasonable steps to maintain cordial relationships with other legitimate users of tracking areas.
- Any member who misappropriates damages or causes loss or breakage of the Club's property shall forthwith make good any loss or breakages the Committee may direct.
- Members are reminded that anyone training in Gngara outside of normal training hours must inform the Training Co-ordinator.

4. Vehicle Safety

- Please slow to 10km/hr when passing people, dogs or parked vehicles.
- Keep to the left and slow down when approaching the crest of a hill.

5. Trialling

- No Competitor or Tracklayer at a Trial shall use any mapping application/tool on mobile phones or smart watches to map or measure a competition track. This is to maintain the integrity of a Judge's tracks and ensure all members are treated equally.
- Treats for your dog at the end of track are to be in a sealed container within a sealed bag with your name and dog's name written clearly. Treat to be given to the Judge or their steward and not to be carried on the track.
- Spectators must have the permission of the competitor and the Judge prior to following up a track.
- Competitors are responsible for ensuring they nominate a tracklayer for every event. Failure to provide a tracklayer *may* result in no track being available.
- It is the responsibility of a competitor to maintain a record of their tracklayers during

training and trials.

6. Fees

- Club joining fees and membership fees are non-refundable.