



# GOLDEN VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



## Club Rules

**These Rules have been prepared as authorised by Section 14.1 of the Club Constitution and Rules and all Members are required to comply with them to ensure the efficient and safe running of the Club.**

### **1 MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 Membership of the Club is open to all as set out in the Constitution and Rules, a copy of which is available in the Club House.
- 1.2 All Members have the right to take part in the activities of the Club and to attend training classes unless specifically excluded by any other condition.
- 1.3 All Membership and training fees will be paid on or before the due date, failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of training.
- 1.4 Members will assist in the setting up and running of any Club event.
- 1.5 The parking next to the Club Grounds is reserved for Trainers, large vans and **disability vehicles.**
- 1.6 All children brought to Club Grounds are strictly the responsibility of the individual Member and must be supervised by an accompanying adult. For the purposes of these rules, a child is a person under the age of 16. No training of children will take place unless the responsible Member is present.

### **2 CONTROL OF DOGS**

- 2.1 Members are responsible for the control, behaviour and actions of their dogs. Dogs will be kept under control at all times. Members will be asked to remove their dog from Club Grounds should it be believed to be out of control or a danger to itself or others.
- 2.2 Dogs will be kept on a lead whilst on the Club Grounds, except when actually under instruction or taking part in organized practice, collars and leads should be correctly fitted and not be too loose or of a type that allow the dog to easily remove them.
- 2.3 Dogs are not permitted to enter the Clubhouse.

### **3 HEALTH OF DOGS**

- 3.1 All dogs will be properly vaccinated and wormed regularly in accordance with current veterinary advice and practice.
- 3.2 No dog that is sick or has been in contact with any contagious or infectious disease shall be brought onto the Club Grounds until declared free from such contagion/infection by its Vet.
- 3.3 Bitches in season shall not be brought onto the Club Grounds.
- 3.4 Members and their guests who leave their dogs in vehicles on Club Grounds must ensure that there is satisfactory ventilation within the vehicle to avoid any distress to their dogs at all times.

### **4 TRAINING**

- 4.1 Basic dog control and obedience is a minimum requirement for all Agility, Flyball and Gun Dog training and competition. Members accept that no dog will be allowed to take part in any these activities until they have, in the opinion of the Trainer, reached the required standards. Untrained dogs/puppies will be permitted to participate in Obedience training at the discretion of the Trainer.
- 4.2 Members will not join or leave a training class that is in progress without the approval of the Trainer.
- 4.3 Any Trainer shall have the right to exclude any dog or owner/handler from their class.
- 4.4 Harsh handling is not permitted at any time, if in the view of any Trainer or member of the

committee this has occurred, then a Member maybe asked to leave the training area, training privileges and membership may be revoked.

- 4.5 Taking part in any training is entirely at the members own risk and the Golden Valley Dog Training Club will not be held liable for any loss, damage or injury howsoever caused to dogs, persons or property.
- 4.6 Junior members receive a 50% discount on Training charges. A junior Member is defined as a Member under the age of 18 years old.

## **5 AGILITY**

- 5.1 Dogs under the age of 12 months are not permitted to jump or weave during training. Unsupervised training of dogs under 12 months old is not permitted whatsoever. Members are responsible for advising Trainers of the age of their dogs if under the age of 15 months so that training can be adjusted accordingly.
- 5.2 Members may use the Club Agility equipment to practice with once they have proved that they are competent to do so and providing that they are participating in one of the Club's official Agility training courses. They must obtain written permission from the Agility Training Co-ordinator. Any equipment used must be put away after use and any damage must be reported as soon as practical to the Agility Training Co-ordinator. (See 7.2 Use of Club Grounds).
- 5.3 Inexperienced handlers may not use the Agility equipment without supervision of an authorised Trainer.
- 5.4 Members will assist in the setting up and putting away of equipment if requested to do so.
- 5.5 Members will pay due care and attention to themselves and others when moving equipment, particularly heavy items.

## **6 CLEANLINESS**

- 6.1 The owner of any dog, which fouls the grounds, shall immediately clear up any mess which should then be taken home for disposal.

## **7. USE OF CLUB GROUNDS**

- 7.1 Only members who are actively participating in lessons, or who significantly donate their time for the benefit of the club, will have unsupervised access to the Club training grounds.
- 7.2 Agility equipment may only be used by those attending agility classes with Golden Valley Dog Training Club. Unsupervised training is only permitted after permission has been given by their trainer. The agility co-ordinator should be notified if anyone notices any damage to equipment.
- 7.3 No overnight camping will be permitted, under any circumstances, on the Club Grounds.

**IMPORTANT:-** Disciplinary action will result if Members are found to be in breach of these Rules. This may result in Training privileges and/or Membership being revoked.

**DEFINITIONS:-** For the purpose of this Code of Conduct, the term 'CLUB GROUNDS' shall mean any area of land, any buildings or car park, and the roadway between, which the Club is utilising.