

## Non Social Behaviour/ Aggressive Dog Policy

It is ALWAYS the handler and/or owner's responsibility to make sure their dog has enough space and to notify other handlers of their dog's issues. It is also expected that ALL owners/handlers will be aware of their requirement to keep their dog controlled at any CDA sanctioned Event or Activity.

- Non Social Behaviour would be defined as a dog that attempts or repeatedly attempts actions which may be potentially harmful or dangerous to persons or other animals. Such actions might be, but are not limited to, snapping, growling, baring teeth, charging or lunging, raising hackles.
- Aggression would be defined as a dog that bites a person or a dog that initiates aggression toward another dog.

It is mandatory for an incident report to be written for the following circumstances:

- Any dog to person aggression;
- Any aggressive contact between dogs; and
- Where there is any injury to a person or dog however caused.

All incidents reported will be kept on file by CDA Board.

CDA has adopted and encourages owners to follow the following colour coded dog leashes, collars, harnesses or coats.

<b>RED</b>	<b>CAUTION</b>	<b>I Just Need Space</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>FRIENDLY</b>	<b>I Like Meeting New Dogs &amp; People</b>
<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>NO DOGS</b>	<b>I Like People Not Dogs</b>
<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>NERVOUS</b>	<b>Give Me Some Space – I'm Nervous</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>DEAF/BLIND</b>	<b>I'm Deaf I Can't Hear You/ I'm Blind I Can't See You</b>
<b>BLUE</b>	<b>IN TRAINING</b>	<b>I'm Learning New Things For Work/Play</b>
<b>PURPLE</b>	<b>DO NOT FEED</b>	<b>Please Do Not Feed Me</b>





**The following will be the official CDA policy for Non Social Behaviour toward dogs and/or people at any CDA sanctioned Event or Activity:**

- A warning given by the Head Judge at the event at the time of witnessed incident.
- No later than three days following the event, the head judge at the event shall file a detailed report with the Event Manager & CDA Board describing the incident and actions taken.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Offence**

- Notification to Owner and/or Handler of dog outlining complaint and what action, if any, needs to be taken. This may include, but is not limited to, behavior modification counseling, muzzling, leash control at all times.
- Possible Suspension of the dog from all CDA sanctioned events and/or activities for up to 3 months as determined by CDA Board.
- CDA judges, and all CDA regional representatives shall be informed of the incident.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Offence**

- Notification to Owner and/or Handler of dog outlining complaint and what action, if any, needs to be taken. This may include, but is not limited to, behavior modification counseling, muzzling, leash control at all times.
- Suspension of the dog from all CDA sanctioned events and/or activities for 6 – 12 months as determined by CDA Board.
- CDA judges, and all CDA regional representatives shall be informed of the incident.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Offence**

- Notification to Owner and/or Handler of dog outlining complaint and what action, if any, needs to be taken. This may include, but is not limited to, behavior modification counseling, muzzling, leash control at all times.
- Suspension of the dog from all CDA sanctioned events and/or activities as determined by CDA Board.
- CDA judges, and all CDA regional representatives shall be informed of the incident.

If a written report/complaint from a member is received, an appointed mediator, not involved, may meet with all parties to determine what action, if any, needs to be taken. This may include, but is not limited to, behavior modification counseling, muzzling, leash control at all times, and/or suspension of the dog (not the owner) from CDA events and/or activities for a specified period of time.

**The following will be the official CDA policy for Dog Aggression toward dogs and/or people at any CDA sanctioned Event or Activity:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Offence**

- Immediate disqualification from the event with all scores deleted and the following notation made in the results: Dismissed – Aggression to dog and/or person.
- Suspension of the dog from all CDA sanctioned events and/or activities for 3 months.
- No later than one day following the event, the head judge at the event shall file a detailed report with the Event Manager & CDA Board describing the incident and actions taken.
- CDA Board, CDA judges, and all CDA regional representatives shall be informed of the incident.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Offence**

- Immediate disqualification from the event with all scores deleted and the following notation made in the results: Dismissed –Aggression to dog and/or person.
- Suspension of the dog from all CDA sanctioned events and/or activities for 6 - 12 months as determined by CDA Board..
- No later than one day following the event, the head judge at the event shall file a detailed report with the Event Manager & CDA Board describing the incident and actions taken.
- CDA Board, CDA judges, and all CDA regional representatives shall be informed of the incident.
- The information shall be published in an official CDA Club Notice.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Offence**

- Immediate disqualification from the event with all scores deleted and the following notation made in the results: Dismissed –Aggression to dog and/or person.
- Suspension of the dog from all CDA sanctioned events and/or activities as determined by the CDA Board.
- No later than one day following the event, the head judge at the event shall file a detailed report with the Event Manager & CDA Board describing the incident and actions taken.
- CDA Board, CDA judges, and all CDA regional representatives shall be informed of the incident.
- The information shall be published in the next CDA Club & Member Notice.

The head judge at an event where an incident occurs is the sole arbiter of any and all decisions made concerning faulty temperament and actions that dictate any of the policy described above.