



## **AGILITY DOG CLUB OF VICTORIA INC**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

ADCV expects the following standards of behaviour from everyone involved in our club (members, committee members and instructors).

#### **INTEGRITY**

- Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Earn and maintain trust within the dog agility community and the local community.
- Operate within the rules outlined by Dogs Victoria and other relevant associations and government bodies.
- Represent the Club in a professional and courteous manner.

#### **RESPECT**

- Treat everyone in a considerate, courteous and respectful manner regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Refrain from all forms of discrimination, harassment, bullying, abuse, intimidation, physical contact, victimisation or vilification of others.
- Ensure all decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists).

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

- Be a positive role model.
- Instructors provide guidance to handlers through clear and respectful directions.
- Handlers acknowledge guidance provided by instructors in a respectful manner.
- All members are expected to apply the principles of positive reinforcement dog training techniques.

- Lead by example promoting the interests of dog agility.
- Comply with child safe standards (junior handlers).
- Understand the consequences of breaching the Code. Report and deal with breaches.

## FAIRNESS

- Provide a "Fair Go" to people of all abilities
- Be informed, consistent, just and reasonable in all circumstances.

## SAFETY

- Provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment
- Ensure equipment and facilities meet required standards
- Show concern and caution for others.
- Immediately report any issues to a member of committee, an instructor or a designated safety officer.