

Important Information

Akarana DTC will not be held responsible for any damages or loss incurred while training at the club.

Owner's Responsibilities

Owners are 100% responsible for their dog and its behaviour when on the club grounds. **Dogs must be on leash at all times** unless participating in an exercise, and must be under direct supervision and control of the owner. This essentially means that they must come back when called and be socialised to an acceptable standard so they are not a threat to other people or dogs using the grounds. Make sure you leave more than a lead's length between your dog and other dogs. Do not allow your dogs to 'greet' dogs that are tied up or on lead.

Owners MUST pick up after their dogs at all times, there are bins available and plastic bags inside the clubrooms if you are caught short without one on you. If your dog urinates on club property, such as agility equipment the owner MUST wash the area down thoroughly with a large bowl of water. This is because the smell distracts dogs from their training and encourages more scent marking in the area. There is usually a bowl of water available near the clubroom door for dogs to drink - this can be used for washing down the equipment. Please refill it from the clubroom kitchen once you have finished with it.

Please do not bring any bitch in season onto club grounds.

Arriving at the club grounds

On your first visit to the club grounds, please come in and introduce yourself to the trainers.

Please be aware that people and dogs frequently move into and out of the club grounds, so ensure there is clear space around the path and gate.

Agility Class Responsibilities

It is expected that all participants in the classes will assist with set up and packing away of equipment. This means that the people staying to help you train don't have to do all the work all the time and is very much appreciated.

When moving equipment please make sure your dog is secured to the fence or deck and not running around loose where it could trip someone and cause, or sustain, an injury.

Please DO NOT use any equipment unless you are advised by your instructor.

We recommend arriving early to warm up your dogs, however this does not include work on any equipment and should consist of appropriate warm up activities as shown by your instructor. Remember we are not trying to ruin your fun we are trying to keep you and your dog safe.

Please DO NOT attempt ANY piece of equipment that you have not yet been trained on in class, especially obstacles like the A Frame and dog walk at full height. Agility equipment can be dangerous and intimidating to dogs if not shown how to do it properly.

Reactive Dogs

We understand that not all dogs are friendly to everyone and every dog that approaches them. If your dog has an issue with being approached by other dogs or people and is reactive e.g. barking, growling, lunging on the lead, we ask that inform one of our trainers.

We also ask that you give your dog adequate space as appropriate. We also expect members to respect the space needed by these dogs.

We require you to notify the club if your dog has a menacing / dangerous dog order (or similar order issued by any local authority) issued against him / her at any time during your temporary or full membership.

Doing this allows other people and trainers to recognise that your dog may need a little more space when standing around in class etc.

Instructors

Please note that our instructors are all experienced dog handlers and competitors themselves. They receive a nominal payment for their time spent instructing and as such are not obliged to spend time outside class helping people catch up etc. Most will, however, be happy to help you with any queries you might have. Keep in mind that they do have their own dogs to train and do not interrupt them when they are taking part in their own training sessions. Please be patient with club instructors and committee as we are all volunteers with other time commitments.