



## Dog Obedience Committee

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### H&S - COVID-19 Dog Training Management Plans

#### Conducting Dog Training Classes during COVID-19 Level 2.

Dog Training Clubs operating under COVID 19 level 1-2 need to adopt strong health and safety precautions that abide by government advice and protect the wellbeing of all attendees.

The following is a list of operating principals perceived pressure points and suggested mitigation for clubs running training classes at Alert Level 2.

The decision to recommence Dog Training classes is at each clubs discretion and you should only do so once you are happy that you have the proper protocols in place to manage any health risk to your club trainers and class attendees.

We understand that the recommended guidelines will make it difficult to hold any Canine Good Citizen assessments under Level 2 due to the need to continue to practice good social distance habits.

Be kind and do not expect everyone to be able to assist with training under these conditions.

#### General Principals

- **IF YOU ARE DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS, STAY AT HOME!**
- **For track & trace purposes sign in sheet must be completed** for every individual entering the venue / grounds – date, name, phone numbers, address, time in and time out of everyone who is present on the grounds / venues.
- Always maintain and encourage 1m distance at a minimum, more if possible (ideally 2m)
- No more than 100 people in total at one time on the training venue. Restrict class attendance to trainer and handler plus dogs only.
- Hand washing facilities with paper towels available and clear signage relating to hand washing is visible
- Trainer to outline all safety procedures at the start of every class.

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## COVID-19 H&S Critical Risks

Critical Contagion Risks specifically introduced by COVID-19 have been identified as the following:

- \* Hygiene and Distancing General Practices
- \* Competitors and Officials on site
- \* Breaks / Catering
- \* Grounds/ Arena Operations

## H&S - COVID-19 Hygiene and Distancing

Personal Action Key Points

| ALWAYS   | NEVER  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Wash hands following the washing guide, at start and end of time in the ring and before giving dog treats.</li> <li>* Stay a minimum of 2 metres away from other people.</li> <li>* Do not touch your face.</li> <li>* Clean surfaces after use.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Make Physical contact, i.e. shaking hands.</li> </ul> |

### Procedures:

- \* Wash hands at the start and end of each event participation and whenever moving between areas.
- \* Practice social distancing of 2m.
- \* Transmission is highest through sneezing or Coughing, ensure you do this away from others And into a tissue or your elbow if necessary, Not your hands. Do not touch your face.
- \* Increase cleaning frequencies, particularly on communal/shared contact surfaces such as door handles. Hand sanitizers are available for this.



### Site Preparation:

- \* Ensure there is adequate surface disinfectant Spray and wipes available on site.
- \* Have hand sanitizer at each egress from show area.
- \* Ensure First Aid kits are stocked with appropriate PPE for infection control, including face masks and gloves.



## H&S - COVID-19 Trainers and handlers on Site.

### Personal Action Key Points

| ALWAYS  | NEVER  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Complete a COVID-19 self-assessment declaration.</li> <li>* Travel between car (where parked) and show area must be by the most direct method possible.</li> <li>* Clearly marked standing stations for handlers and dogs, 2 meters apart</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* No non-competitors or authorized show officials permitted on show grounds for duration of show.</li> <li>* Remain in training area for any longer than minimally required.</li> </ul> |

### Procedures:

- \* Limit training area to essential people only.
- \* Maximum number permitted at any one time is 100 people.
- \* All Trainers and handlers must complete a declaration to enter the training area.
- \* Written form **COVID-19 Self-Assessment Declaration – Competitors/Officials.**
- \* To be kept and made accessible to the Ministry of Health (if required) for up to 4 weeks after the event.
- \* Parking shall be in designated areas only.
- \* Occupants of vehicles must travel directly between their vehicle and permitted areas for competition and training by the shortest route possible.
- \* No spectator congregation.

### Grounds / Venue Setup:

- \* Parking areas shall be designated by physical signage or physical indication, and in a manner that allows for social distancing. Temporary barriers, specific website advice and proactive email communication.
- \* Entry to training areas will be signposted and access restricted.
- \* Sanitizer to be made available at entry points and in shared amenity areas, especially good supplies of antiseptic wipes and soap, hot water in toilets.
- \* Competitors must travel between vehicle and required points of attendance by the most direct pathway possible, maintaining physical distance between others.
- \* Separate entry and exit points established for each ring.
- \* Clearly marked standing stations for handlers and dogs, 2 meters apart.
- \* Nil seating provided for spectators.
- \* Clubs should consider if they can reduce the amount of classes running at the same, and/or increase the physical area for each class to give people more space.



## H&S - COVID-19 Conducting Training Guidelines

### Personal Action Key Points

| ALWAYS   | NEVER               |
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| Handlers use only your own leads / toys<br>Ensure dogs remain on leads<br><br>Maintain a minimum of 2 metres between dogs during training.<br><br>Wash hands with soap and water before giving dogs a treat. | Share toys or leads |

### Procedures:

- \* Make careful judgements if class activities are in line with social distancing rules. If in doubt, drop activity and replace with activity that can maintain social distancing.
- \* Handlers must bring their own leads / toys and no sharing by people outside your bubble.
- \* Ensure that they have both short and long leads for class activities.
- \* Ensure that dogs remain on lead as much as possible during class activities.
- \* Use good hygiene practices including washing hands with soap and sanitise before and after touching equipment.
- \* Wipes available for wiping surfaces

