



# EAST GIPPSLAND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC.

## BY-LAWS – (AMENDED MAY, 2016)

### GENERAL CLUB RULES

1. Dogs must be on lead (unless under class instruction). Handler must ensure their dog's leash & collar is in sound condition & their dog is unable to escape from their restraint.
2. Bitches in season are not permitted on the training ground or allowed to participate in club events.
3. All dogs must be immunised against distemper, canine hepatitis and parvovirus. Kennel cough is recommended. When renewing membership, proof of immunisations will be required.
4. Restricted breeds as gazetted by the Government and part breeds thereof, and dogs declared dangerous under Domestic Animals Act will not be permitted at the club.
5. The club's committee &/or instructors may request, under the club's yellow bandanna policy, a dog to wear a yellow bandanna &/or to be muzzled when it attends club or classes.
6. Individuals are responsible for their dogs at all times including when dogs are tethered before, during and after class.

Note: Incidents occurring on club training days may be recorded in the Club's incident book as per the guidelines adopted by EGDGC. Anyone having any questions concerning the guidelines for assessing an incident should speak to an instructor or a Committee member.

7. Each individual is responsible for cleaning up their dog's droppings. A plastic bag is to be carried for this purpose at all times.
8. No person will strike his/her dog in any way at anytime. No person is permitted to hit any dog.
9. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times and must ensure they do not approach any dog without the owner's permission. Children must not be allowed to approach tethered dogs or unattended dogs at anytime.
10. Members must not allow their dogs to approach children without parental consent.
11. Handlers must ensure their dogs do not approach tethered or unattended dogs.
12. Smoking is not permitted in the clubrooms.
13. Dogs are permitted in the clubrooms under supervision only if food handling is not taking place and if they do not disrupt others.
14. The club's equipment is for the use of Club members only, and unless a request is made in writing and approved by the Committee, the equipment is not to leave club grounds.
15. Dogs 12 to 18 months are not to jump higher than a small dog standard. Dogs from 18 months can be introduced to competition height at the instructor's discretion. The handler is able to vary this rule provided a vet certificate is supplied stating the dog is physically mature enough to jump higher.
16. For safety reasons -- If the temperature on the Saturday ABC 7:00 pm News is forecast to be 35 C or over, all classes after 9:00 am on Sunday are cancelled. In temperatures up to 35 C, handlers are to use their own discretion. Note: The Club urges all members to consider their personal safety and that of their dogs in hot weather.

### Rules 17 to 24 pertain to members wishing to partake in Agility and are in addition to the General Rules

17. Dogs are required to pass an assessment test prior to entering agility lessons.
18. Puppies 12 months and under are not permitted to jump or begin weaves.

19. Dogs 12 months to 15 months will have the following maximum jumping height restrictions placed on them during agility lessons:
  - 200 & 300 dogs - competition height or lower;
  - 400 dogs restricted to 300 mm; and
  - 500 & 600 dogs restricted to 400 mm
20. Members must help set up and pack up equipment if participating in agility training.
21. For safety reasons, correction collars are not permitted. Collars, if worn, are to be fixed/flat with no attachments other than an agility tab.
22. A Club appointed agility instructor, or a member of EGDOC Inc. deemed proficient in agility, must be present during agility training sessions.
23. Proficiency certificates will be awarded to Club members with good control of their dog deemed capable of entering a novice agility trial and knowledgeable in the correct use and safe set up of equipment.
24. Members deemed proficient are able to train on club equipment without instruction at the club ground provided:
  - A committee member or club instructor is present;
  - They do not interrupt a lesson;
  - The equipment is not required for a club agility lesson; and
  - Only one dog at a time is on the equipment.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS & CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

25. The annual subscriptions, Dogs Victoria levy and joining fee shall be decided as necessary at a General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be varied to cover the following categories of membership:
  - a. Member (ordinary)
  - b. Dual member
  - c. Life member
  - d. Honorary member
  - e. Junior Member
  - f. Casual member
  - g. Associate Member
  - h. Any other class of member

Except where stated otherwise in the constitution, all members are required to pay the annual subscription. Members who are not members of Dogs Victoria are required to pay the Dogs Victoria levy. New members are required to pay the Joining Fee.

26. Subscriptions shall become due annually based on the date of joining. For continuity of membership all fees must be paid within 30 days of becoming due. Any member who has not renewed their membership by the due date may be asked to pay the joining fee unless prior arrangements have been made with the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to accept a reduced subscription under special circumstances, or to fix and accept extended time for payment in special circumstances.
27. The committee has the power to invite a Casual Member to the Club. The fee, if any, to be paid by such member shall be decided by the Committee.

## **PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS**

28. All financial members, life members, family members, dual members, honorary members, associate members and casual members are entitled to attend the General Meetings of the Club. Financial adult members, life members and associate members are entitled to one vote at meetings and to hold office. Family members and dual members are entitled to one vote. Only one of the family or dual members can hold office during any year. Junior members, casual members and honorary members are not entitled to vote or hold office.
29. All members are entitled to participate in club training sessions and use the Clubhouse and its amenities on club training days.
30. Members shall be entitled to receive the club newsletter as it becomes available throughout the year.
31. All financial members and life members are eligible to receive Club awards provided they have attended at least 10 club training days in the previous 12 months.