



Darwin Clay Target Club Inc.

Dog Management Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to manage the presence of dogs within the Darwin Clay Target Club Inc. (DCTC) grounds, ensuring a safe, enjoyable, and clean environment for all users. This policy provides uniform standards on where dog/s are permitted, and the conduct required by owners.

Scope

This policy applies to all areas within DCTC ground including, but not limited to:

- Shooting walks
- Spectator seating areas
- Buildings and
- Car parks.

Definitions

- **Owner:** person the dog is registered to, including and not limited to, the person who is in control of the dog at any given time.
- **Assistance dog:** any dog that is qualified, accredited, and serving the person they are with.
- **Leash:** including chain, cord or another device to tether the dog.
- **Collar:** including harness or halter.

General Guidelines

Behavioral Expectations

- Dogs must be well-behaved and not cause disturbance to other users of the grounds if this should occur the owner is to remove the dog from the area.
- Anti-social behavior, including but not limited to, aggressive behavior, excessive barking, or other disruptive actions will result in the owner being asked to remove the dog from the premises.
- Owners are responsible for ensuring their dog is not posing a threat to other animals or people at any time.

Leash Requirements

- All dogs must be kept on a leash attached to an appropriately fitted collar which must be in good condition.
- Owners must always maintain control of their dog.
- Campers during competitions are to tether their dogs on a leash at the camp site.



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Off- Leash Requirements

- Dogs are permitted off their leash when competition is completed, and competitors have left the facility.
- While off the leash the owner must actively supervise the dog and always maintain a clear and unobstructed view of the dog.
- The dog must remain within 50m of the owner so that it is in visual and audible range to allow for effective recall at any time.
- The owner must carry a leash which is to be placed on the dog when necessary.

Prohibited Areas

- Dogs are prohibited from entering certain areas of DCTC grounds including:
 - On or near the walks during competition or training sessions
 - Food service areas
 - Inside buildings
 - Seating areas outside of the club house.

Cleaning Up After Dogs

- Dog owners are required to always clean up after their dog.
- Failure to clean up after dogs will result in restrictions on future access to the grounds.

Assistance Dogs

- Assistance dogs are permitted in all areas of the grounds where dogs are typically prohibited, provided they are under control and appropriately leashed.

Penalties and Enforcement

Non-compliance with this policy will result in:

- A warning
- Fines
- Revocation of dog access to the grounds
- Removal of the dog from the premises.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and to address any issues or concerns raised by dog owners, non-dog owners, and ground management.

References

- [Assistance Dogs, Public Access Rights of an Assistance Dog,](#)