

## **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 NOT be allowed off leash unless participating in an exercise or 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.

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 leave your dog in your car while you come in and introduce yourself, complete enrolment and have a quick look around or watch the classes.

If you are arriving for an 8pm class, please enter the grounds and move to the right of the path (the side with the clubhouse), this will be out of the way of the earlier classes. Please be aware that people and dogs frequently move into and out of the club grounds, and 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 of equipment, if in the early class, and packing away the equipment if in the late classes. 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 a fence, deck or in a vehicle and not running around loose where it could trip someone and cause, or sustain, an injury.

Please DO NOT attempt ANY piece of equipment that you have not yet been trained on in class, especially obstacles like the Seesaw, A Frame and Dog Walk. Agility equipment can be dangerous and intimidating to dogs if they are not shown how to do it properly. Remember we are not trying to ruin your fun we are trying to keep you and your dog safe!

### **Red Ribbon Dogs**

We understand that not all dogs are immediately friendly to every person or every dog that approaches them. If your dog has an issue with being approached by other dogs or people and is likely to react in an aggressive manner e.g. Barking, growling, lunging on the lead, we ask that you attach a RED Ribbon to their collar and/or lead and tell one of our trainers.

Doing this allows other people and trainers to recognise that your dog may need more space when standing around in (or before) class. The ribbon must be red in colour and big enough to notice at a distance but not so big that it gets in your way. Our trainers can also help you with a plan to make your dog more comfortable around other dogs and people.

Do NOT approach a dog with a red ribbon without speaking to the owner beforehand, and please give them plenty of space in class.

### **Instructors**

Our instructors are all volunteers who are experienced dog handlers and agility/obedience competitors.

Instructors are happy to help you with any queries you might have. But please 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. We welcome any questions during (or at the end of) class time.

### **Car Parking**

Other clubs use our parking facilities, if you must leave valuable items in your car make sure they are out of sight and the vehicle is locked.