

EASTERN SUBURBS DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

GROUND RULES & INFORMATION ON CLUB FACILITIES

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club Incorporated. The Club provides a dual role to dog owners in the community. Experienced instruction is given in basic Dog Obedience Training & for those who wish to continue further, preparation for competition in Companion Dog Obedience Trials.

You will be instructed in how to train your dog and your dog will learn to socialise with other dogs & people. Attend regularly, do your training “homework”, & you will have a well-trained dog.

Dog training commenced in Centennial Park in 1961, & this club was founded in 1962. The Club is an Affiliate of DOGS NSW & our constitution states:

“Upon the admission of the Club as an Affiliate of DOGS NSW, the Club and every Member shall be deemed to have agreed with DOGS NSW to be bound by the Constitution & regulations of DOGS NSW for the time being in force & at all times to submit to carry out every determination, finding, decision, requirement or direction of DOGS NSW so far as the same shall relate to him or it.”

YOU, not your dog, have joined as a Member. The joining fee entitles you to membership of the Club until the end of June, allowing you to train throughout that period. A Membership Renewal Form will be mailed to you in May, which will invite you to renew your membership for next year.

After an initial series of Instruction, you will advance to Class 1. Thereafter progress to higher classes is by testing. Your instructor will advise you on the requirements for each test & the procedure.

At all times **YOUR dog is YOUR responsibility**. In the unlikely event of your dog showing aggression towards people or other dogs, no Instructor or Club Member can be put at risk. However, Instructors will give all possible assistance.

REMEMBER: All the Instructors, Committee and members who help each Sunday and during special events, give their time voluntarily. They work hard to ensure this Club provides the best possible training for you & your dog. Please reward them with your full attention in class and courtesy in all your dealings with them.



CENTENNIAL PARK

Permission has to be sought each year from the Centennial Park Trust for the use of the ground and Members are reminded that the continuance of this privilege is dependant upon Members' compliance with the Park Regulations. You have been provided with a pamphlet from the Centennial Park Trust. Be sure to read these regulations and always comply with them.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Should you have any queries, either about the information in this handout or about the Club in general, please contact the Training Information Office on 0412 645 154 between 6pm & 8pm. Because of voicemail the message until 6pm relates only to new members & joining dates. The Club also has a website www.easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au



CLUB GROUND RULES

1. All dogs shall be on lead when entering the training ground, during class & when leaving, except when under special direction from an instructor.
2. Bitches in season are not permitted on the training ground. Members are required to remove their dog's excreta. A scoop & bucket is provided for this purpose. However members may find it more convenient to carry their own plastic bags, which is a good habit to develop.
3. All dogs must be inspected at the inspection line before entry to class is permitted.
4. As with any park area, leave nothing behind, any litter is to be placed in the bins provided.
5. Jumps & other equipment may be used **ONLY** under supervision of an instructor.
6. Classes using the jumps & other equipment will be responsible for the returning of the same to the trailer.
7. Children are welcome provided they are supervised & kept under control.
8. The roped off area is an Administration area and is to be entered only by Club officials.
9. All ponds & waterways in the park are out of bounds for dogs & people.
10. All dogs must be vaccinated & wormed regularly. **Do not bring an infectious or unwell dog to training.**



GENERAL PROCEDURE

Dog inspection is between 8.30 & 8.55am, latecomers may not be permitted to join classes. After inspection, pay your Ground Fee & obtain your training ticket to be collected by your Instructor in class.

Training times: Activity Class & Class 2	8 to 9 am
Beginners & Classes 1,3 & 4	9 to 10am
Puppies	10 to 11am

You have been supplied with a colour-coded badge that is your identification as a Club Member. Only Members wearing these badges are eligible to train. Should this badge be lost, a replacement badge must be purchased from the Administration desk at a small cost.

The Club trains every Sunday except in constant rain, with the exception of long weekends & a recess at Christmas, during school summer holidays.

Two special events are held during the year, our Obedience Trial in Centennial Park and a Christmas Break-up Fun Day. Notification of these dates is made in the Newsletter



NEWSLETTER

The Club Newsletter, **Paw Prints**, is published every month & contains information concerning upcoming events, lists of new members & existing member's promotions, results of our trialing members, articles, notices of meetings & information.

We would like to see articles & cartoons from members included in the newsletter. If you have something you would like published it can be left for the Editor at the Administration desk or emailed to him at pawprints@easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au.



NOTICEBOARD

Please read the Noticeboard weekly for updates not included in the current Newsletter. This space is also available for Members to display lost dog notices & general articles pertaining to dog matters, Park notices, etc.



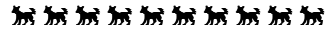
REFRESHMENTS

The Club Coffee Stall is set up every Sunday morning & is for all Members. The cost of tea or coffee is currently \$1.00 Please ensure you dispose of empty cups, etc. in the bins provided.



TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Training equipment is available to Club Members, at reasonable cost, from the car on the grounds. The equipment officers will be only too happy to advise you on what is best for your dog.



ADMINISTRATION DESK

This is the enrolment & information area. The desk staff will be only too happy to answer your queries or direct you to someone who can.



VOLUNTEERS

We can never have too much help in setting up before classes or packing up after classes. There are also other areas where we can use your assistance. Please volunteer at the Desk if YOU can help.



THE MAJORITY OF TRAINING IS DONE AWAY FROM CLASS

Five to ten minutes EVERY day brings fast & permanent results.

All of the exercises taught in class have a practical purpose so that your dog will become a well-trained **Companion** to be proud of.

TRAINING SHOULD BE FUN FOR YOUR DOG, YOURSELF & YOUR INSTRUCTOR.

SOME DO'S & DON'TS OF TRAINING

- DO exercise your dog before class
- DO learn to communicate with your dog
- DO be very patient with your dog & yourself. You are both learning.
- DO give your instructor your attention
- DO allow your dog time to relieve itself before class
- DO bring correct change
- DO dress appropriately for training your dog

- DON'T train a sick or tired dog
- DON'T train if YOU are overtired, angry or impatient
- DON'T smoke in class or drink alcohol before training
- DON'T bring valuables on to the grounds. It is a public Park.

