



OTAGO CANINE TRAINING CLUB (INC)

Conditions of Enrolment

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By completing an enrolment form, all Canine Companion attendees indicate that they have read, understood, and agreed to abide by the following conditions. The complete set of OCTC Regulations is available from www.octc.org.nz, the club premises, or the Secretary.

1) Responsibility

The use of any club equipment or facilities, and attendance at any club training session, competition, or other club gathering is entirely at your own risk. OCTC accepts no responsibility for injury to any dog or person under any circumstances. Handlers are expected to take responsibility for their own safety, their dog's safety, and for the safety of any dependents in their care.

2) Control of Dogs

- At any training class or organised gathering of dogs, dogs must be kept on leash at all times. A dog may be off leash if the handler has been specifically told by an instructor to remove the leash, or if a dog is actively being used for demonstration purposes by an instructor.
- Dogs exercising or training off-leash separate from any training class must be under direct supervision and effective control at all times, and must be able to be called immediately and caught.
- Unsupervised dogs, including instructors' dogs being used for demonstrations, must be crated or in a vehicle. No unsupervised dog may be tied up or left in a stay unless specifically permitted as part of a class exercise.
- Handlers must be able to physically restrain their dog at all times.

3) Treats and Toys

- To avoid choking and blockage, plastic food bags and small toys must not be left anywhere where a dog can access them, even if empty. Handlers should use solid, secure food containers, and toys no smaller than approx. 15cm in length. Treat pouches must be attached securely to the handler's body at all times.
- If leaving uncontained food out for training purposes, be cautious and conscious of where it is being left. Handlers should be aware at all times of what their dog is doing, and the potential for opportunism and possessive/aggressive behaviour around rewards. Dropped food must be picked up immediately.
- Handlers must not offer food to anyone else's dog without asking first – this can put dogs with health conditions or food intolerances at considerable risk.

4) Picking Up

Handlers must immediately clean up any faeces deposited by their dog while at any venue being used by the club. Dogs are not allowed to foul inside the Forrester Park building.

5) Dog Interactions

Dogs are not to approach or make contact with other dogs while entering or leaving the hall, or during any class. Many dogs do not want to interact and may react aggressively or fearfully. Please keep in mind that this is learning time, not playtime.

6) Children Attending Training Sessions

For safety reasons, children under the age of 6 may not be present at classes. Older children up to the age of 15 must be discussed with the course coordinator before enrolment. Children must stay in the seating area at all times, remain quiet, and are not to approach or touch any dog. We cannot guarantee that dogs attending class are safe around children, or that their handlers will be able to prevent a child being bitten.