



OTAGO CANINE TRAINING CLUB (INC)

Conditions of Membership

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By completing a membership or enrolment form, all members, Canine Companion, and Foundation class 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 or the Secretary at admin@octc.org.nz

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 only 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.
- Dogs in self-training classes may be off leash without specific permission, but only when actively being worked and directly supervised.

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 must 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.
- Members must not offer food to anyone else's dog without asking first – this can put dogs with health conditions or food intolerances at risk.

4) Picking Up

Members must immediately clean up any faeces deposited by their dog while at any venue being used by the club, and anywhere that they are identifiable as an OCTC member or are representing the club. Dogs are not allowed to foul inside the Forrester Park/Equestrian Centre buildings or on any equipment, and are discouraged from fouling in any outside training area. Members are requested to act responsibly and to clean up after their dogs in all public places.

5) Agility and Flygility Safety

- Agility and Flygility are high intensity dog sports. They may aggravate any pre-existing or undetected condition your dog has. It may be advisable to have your dog checked by a vet or physiotherapist prior to beginning Agility or Flygility training.
- DogsNZ Agility Regulations specify the equipment that dogs under the age of 18 months may use, to prevent damage to immature joints. Handlers are required to train within these parameters at all times, as directed by their instructor.
- All use of Agility/Flygility equipment must be under the supervision of an instructor (except self-training classes).
- For safety, all dogs being trained on Agility/Flygility equipment must wear either a close fitting non-slip collar or no collar at all. Tags and other attachments are not advised (and are not permitted in competition).