

ALBURY & BORDER KENNEL CLUB

COVID-19 TRAINING POLICY

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What is the purpose of this policy?

We take the safety and wellbeing of our members seriously. This policy outlines our strict procedures for members who attend training during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government directives and the law

This policy represents our approach to dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this policy is in all respects subject to any overriding Government directive or law.

We refer you to the various Government websites (Department of Health and Human Services Victoria and Sport and Recreation Victoria) which contain up-to-the-minute information on Government policy on COVID-19.

Your health and safety are paramount to us, and we are actively reviewing and taking steps to ensure that our training area remains safe and COVID-19 free.

What specific measures are we taking?

To promote the health and safety of members who are attend training, we will:

- Endeavour to provide and maintain a safe environment for all,
- Provide information, instruction and supervision to you so far as we can to promote your health and safety,
- Provide adequate facilities for you to practice good hygiene. This includes hand sanitiser, soap, disinfectant spray, and tissues,
- Integrate health and safety issues into all of our decision making, and
- Put in place mechanisms for monitoring members' health and safety whilst training.

What specific measures do we expect you to take?

While training you must:

- Follow all aspects of this policy,
- Take reasonable care to ensure your own health and safety, and that of fellow members,
- Not place others at risk or jeopardise the safety of our training environment by any act or omission. For example, coming to training while unwell, or coming to training after being in contact with someone who is unwell,
- Follow any safe procedures or protocols that we implement,
- Observe physical distancing at all times and Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly using the provided hand sanitiser and hand wash.
- Not attend training if you have travelled overseas within the past month, or if you have come into contact with someone who has travelled during that time,
- Regularly take steps to clean up or wipe down any equipment or other surfaces that you have used or touched,
- Practice cough etiquette (keep away from other people, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or into a bent elbow); and

How to practice 'social distancing' at training

Whilst training with us you will be required to follow physical distancing rules. Such steps include:

- Distancing yourself from other members (1.5m at all times),
- Not shaking hands or making physical contact with other members,
- Promoting good hand hygiene, including using hand sanitiser frequently,
- Not sharing dog treats with other handlers or instructors, and

- Not to hold or pat other dogs.

Responsibilities of Committee and Instructors

- To ensure that during training members are at least 1.5 metres apart at all times,
- Non-essential meetings will be cancelled and essential meetings will take place via online forums such as Zoom,
- Ensure that surfaces/equipment and important touch points are regularly cleaned and disinfected,
- To have sanitiser points and signage available to members,
- To keep members informed of current protocols in place for training, and
- To ensure that all training activities do not require members to come in close contact with each other or an instructor at any time.

When should hand washing occur?

- Hand washing should occur as frequently as possible,
- After you have touched an item or surface that may be touched by other people, such as door handles, equipment,
- After using the toilet,
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; and
- After cleaning up after your dog.

How should you wash your hands while at training?

- Washing your hands is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Clean hands can stop germs spreading from one person to another. You must ensure that you wash your hands properly. This can be done by following the following correct protocol - posters are on display near sanitisation points and the toilets.

What if I am diagnosed with COVID-19?

- Do not attend training or the grounds under any circumstances,
- Follow the advice of your medical practitioner, and
- Inform us via email or a telephone call if you have trained with us within the last three weeks.

What should I do if I am at training and I start feeling sick?

- If you are feeling unwell while at training, you must immediately notify a club official, you will be directed to leave the grounds and seek medical advice.

What if I want to return to training after being unwell?

- If you wish to return to training and have been unwell the club will require a medical clearance stating from your Doctor.

I (Full Name) _____ have read and understand the Albury and Border Kennel Club COVID19 policy and agreed to adhere to the rules and regulations as set out in this policy and with the NSW Government COVID19 rules and regulations.

Signature:

Date:

Approved by the Albury and Border Kennel Club President: Alison Parry – July 2020