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Code of Practice Training



Dogtivities

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Located on Dja Dja Wurrung Country

Code of Practice for Training

Animals

Animals should always possess a healthy disposition to train.
Puppies under the age of 12 weeks must be in a flat collar or harness for training.
Dogs must be 12 months of age to participate in 'speed' and 'jumping' activities.
Proof of vaccination must be provided.

Handlers

Limit of one dog in class per adult handler at any given time.
Children may attend and handle dogs in class, however, an authorised adult must be always present and close by.
Appropriate footwear must be worn. Thongs are not considered safe for training hence, not permitted.

Dog Collars, Harnesses, Leads and other Gear.

Owners shall provide suitable, safe, and fitted equipment for their own dog.
On occasion, Dogtivities may provide long leads or other gear to use during class.
Borrowed items are to be returned at the end of class.

Facilities

Dogtivities will provide an open outdoors area for training.
Sheltered areas are available for inclement or hot days and seating is available.
Water for your dog is available.
Pooper scoopers are available to pick up dog droppings and dispose of in poo bins provided. We request the yard be kept clean of rubbish.

Temperature

Training will be suspended when temperatures fall below 10 ° or reach 30° on site.



Training Equipment

Dogtivities training equipment may only be used while under supervision by an instructor during class.

Training Methodology

At Dogtivities we believe in teaching a dog what behaviour is expected of them first. We give the dog an opportunity to make the choice to willingly do what the handler requests. We prefer to use rewards that appeal to the dog, including food, toys and safe activities. At times, consequences will be applied to assist learning.

Qualified trainers use a psychoeducational approach working with handlers whilst using operant conditioning to train your dog. Some processes resembling CBT and other modern therapies are used to manage problem behaviours.

Basic Training

Dogtivities promote responsible pet ownership and as such will assist handlers to teach their dogs how to

- Heel or walk with the handler
- Be sociable with other dogs
- Stay and Recall

The ambition of training is to support the dog to have an absence of aggression towards humans and other animals. We do not teach security or protection training. When the dog already possesses signs of aggression, we will work with you to desensitise the response of the trigger, using techniques to increase safety and wellbeing of you and your dog.

Other Training

Dogtivities will support you with other training incorporated into your plan. Please ask us about any special interests.



Who does this policy apply to:

All persons who train a dog whilst at Dogtivities, or with a Dogtivities trainer during a training session.

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