

Club rules



As with most clubs, Cape Handlers Dog Club has a specific set of rules set down for the members. This is to ensure that safety and good manners are observed by all.

Please be constantly aware of your surroundings with regards to other dogs and handlers. Not all dogs are people or dog friendly.

If you see a dog with an ORANGE bandana it indicates that the dog is not friendly towards other dogs. A RED bandana indicates that the dog is not people or dog friendly. Please give these dogs/handlers space and keep your own dog under control at all times.

- Each handler on the field must be a paid-up member of the club.
- All dogs to be kept on leash at all times unless otherwise directed by trainers. Dogs must always be under adult supervision and may not be left unattended.
- Dogs may not be tied to the fence. Hitching rails are provided for that purpose.
- All dogs are to be kept on a leash in the club house before 12:00.
- Dogs showing signs of illness, disease or disability will be asked to leave the field and seek advice from a Veterinarian.
- Closed shoes are to be worn for training. Sandals, heels or bare feet are not permitted.
- Smoking is prohibited on the fields and in the CHDC Club House.
- Parents are responsible for their children. A play area is available within the enclosed section around the clubhouse. Children may not be on the field during training unless part of a supervised training session.
- All handlers are responsible for their own dogs at all times. Handlers will be asked to remove their dogs if they show any sign of aggression and seek professional assistance from a behaviourist before returning to CHDC.
- Dogs and handlers may not use the agility or dog jumping equipment without permission/supervision.
- Dog owners are responsible for immediately picking up their dog's faeces. HTH bottles are provided on the field to be used as poop-scoops. IT IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE NOT TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG.
- Dogs may only be walked and exercised on CHDC fields. All other fields are out of bounds.
- Physical disciplining (smacking, hitting, etc.) of your dog is not permitted – CHDC use and promote reward-based training.
- CHDC must approve all equipment, including collars, used during training and the trainer's instructions MUST be obeyed at all times.
- Alcohol may not be brought onto the premises. Alcohol purchased from the bar may only be consumed within the grounds of the clubhouse.
- Spectators are requested to remain on the sidelines during training sessions, at a respectful distance from the classes in progress.
- Bitches in season are not allowed on the fields.
- Cars may not be driven or parked on the fields.
- FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY – always approach strange dogs with caution.
- Membership: Members are required to produce their membership cards when requested by their respective trainers. If membership has lapsed by ONE month membership renewal will be requested immediately. If membership has lapsed by TWO months the member will be asked to leave the training fields and may only return once membership is up to date. If membership has lapsed by THREE months or more the member will be required to re-apply for membership to CHDC.
- A copy of the Club Constitution is available at the office.
- CHDC does not accept any responsibility for any injury to and/or loss of life of any person or dog, nor any damage to and/or theft of any property and/or dog whilst on CHDC premises. ALL PERSONS AND DOGS ATTEND THE CLUB AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Please sign and return this document to the Club Secretary.

Name:

Surname:

Signature:

Date: