

Mid North Coast Canine Club Incorporated



SAFETY POLICY

1) Terms and Conditions

While on MNCCC grounds, members are responsible for acting in a safe and reasonable manner and ensuring they have their dogs under their control. Members are required to always follow reasonable instructions of MNCCC committee members or trainer on MNCCC grounds. MNCCC members agree to follow policies and procedures of the MNCCC, payment of membership is accepted as evidence of agreement.

2) Fire and Emergency Evacuation

In the event of a fire or other emergency, the grounds should be evacuated immediately if safe to do so. A committee member present should raise the alarm and notify the appropriate emergency services department. The **Emergency Assembly Area** is located outside of the Showground Entry Gates.

3) Hazards

Taree Agricultural & Horticultural Society maintains the training grounds but please be aware of hazards or distractions that may be present including but not limited to uneven ground and wildlife (such as snakes). Fences do not offer complete containment.

4) Injury Reporting

MNCCC is covered by insurance with Dogs NSW.

Any incidents or injuries are to be reported and documented by a committee member. A first aid kit and incident report sheet are located in the Clubhouse. For serious injuries, Liability Incident Report forms are available on the Dogs NSW website:

www.dogsnsw.org.au/members/member-information/club-forms.html

Report any snake sightings to a trainer or committee member. If you suspect your dog has been bitten, try to restrict their movement and seek veterinary attention as soon as possible. Bandages are available in the first aid kit if required.

Emergency Vet surgeries are at the following locations:

Taree Veterinary Hospital, Chatham phone 65522633

Manning Veterinary Hospital, Taree 65513990

Golf Course Veterinary Hospital (Colin Dry) Taree 65526022

5) Dog Vaccination and Health

All members (new and renewing) must provide evidence that their dogs vaccination is up to date. Members must notify the club if their dog has suffered or been exposed to any infectious or contagious disease within the past 3 months.

Bitches in season (oestrus) are not permitted on the grounds.

6) Reactive Dogs

It is the obligation of each owner or handler to take all steps as may be necessary to ensure that any dog under their care or for which they are responsible does not behave in an aggressive manner.

Please ask the owner of another dog first if you or your dog may approach for a greeting. Avoid confrontations, move away if dogs show a dislike to one another.

If your dog tends to bite people or other dogs, it will need to be assessed by the trainer and may be required to wear a muzzle for safety reasons.

Dogs must be always supervised. Do not approach any dog left tethered or any dogs in cars or open vehicles without permission from the owner.

7) Weather Conditions and Appropriate Clothing

Classes may be cancelled if weather is extreme, especially if there is heavy rain, as the grounds become waterlogged. A notice on the clubs Facebook page will be issued if this occurs.

Please ensure that you and your dog remain hydrated in the warmer weather, there are water bowls available, but we recommend you bring water for yourself and your dog.

Proper footwear must be worn whilst on the training ground. For safety reasons this means enclosed shoes that can be secured safely.

Please bring a hat and sunscreen to protect yourself from the sun.

Your dog should be correctly fitted with a collar and leash. Dog coats in winter and cool coats in summer can be used to keep your dog comfortable.

8) Ground Use, Parking and Speed Limit

Financial members and their dogs are only permitted to use the grounds whilst under the supervision of a trainer. No club members or the public are permitted to use the fenced grounds outside of training hours.

Please clean up after your dogs. Bags are available in the bag containers on entry fence to rings and bins are located around the grounds for this purpose.

Parking is permitted along the camping area fence line or where directed, be aware that dogs and children may be walking through. Please do not park directly in front of the club house or in front of the dog rings. **Speed limit is always 10 klm.**

9) Questions or Concerns

About training matters, please ask your trainer.

For any other information or problems please ask one of our committee members.

For specific enquiries, contact Secretary Jane Davis email: jrdavis1@bordnet.com.au