

## CLUB POLICY - DOG INCIDENTS

To comply with DogsWest regulations Cloverdale Canine Companions have put in place the following rules regarding any event that may take place at our Club, as all members need to have protection and a fall-back system.

From 6.45 pm on Monday Obedience training nights. ALL DOGS must be on lead (or if your second dog not participating in a class), we require this dog to be crated or tethered safely away from dog and pedestrian walkways (preferably in your car) with water available for this dog.

On Thursdays, Agility nights, this rule applies from 6.15 pm.

Before these times our area is a public park, however if a member comes down to train and there is an incident, it must still be recorded in the INCIDENT BOOK that the club maintains. All parties/witnesses must record any incident and sign off if no action is to be taken by the Club.

Any incident during club training times must be reported to a Senior Committee member via your Class instructor. **Please** consider very carefully whether it is actual aggression or a dog simply trying to instigate a game. We do have dogs that want to play, just at the wrong time, especially during agility as it is very exciting and stimulating for them.

Reporting an incident is a serious matter and time-consuming and can be devastating to both parties.

Following training and **after all equipment is packed away** and classes ceased, members are welcome to free run their dogs, however, if any problems arise, those particular dogs must be immediately placed on lead and removed from the grounds. The Club sees advantages in dogs being allowed to socialise with other dogs, however we cannot be held responsible for incidents that may happen as a result of this free-running play.

The Club regrets this seemingly "Hard-Line" attitude, however we also need to comply with regulations.

Let us all hope that our dogs are as well behaved as possible, and remain 'just dogs' with normal behaviour.