



Code of Conduct

For Members and Their Dogs

INTRODUCTION

The goals of the Orchid Isle Dog Agility Club are, through the sport of dog agility, 1) to promote fun and healthy recreational activity for dogs and their owners, 2) to promote responsible dog ownership and the development of working partnerships between dogs and their owners.

To meet these goals, this Code of Conduct is considered essential for all members and their dogs.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Club members shall at all times be courteous and will conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring discredit to the Club and to the sport of Dog Agility. It is also expected that Club members' dogs will behave appropriately and not demonstrate undue aggression at any time. For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, these expectations apply to family members and friends who may accompany the Club Member to dog agility activities.

MISCONDUCT: CLUB MEMBERS

Misconduct shall include, but not be limited to, abusive and foul language; hostility to fellow club members, competitors, national dog agility organization representatives, sponsors, hosts or spectators of club activities and other dog agility events. Misconduct also includes inhumane treatment of a dog; demonstration of poor sportsmanship; and any other behavior that may result in an unfavorable opinion of the Club or the sport of Dog Agility.

MISCONDUCT: DOGS

Misconduct includes acts of aggression toward another dog, handler, participant or spectator in any club activity including, but not limited to, classes, fun matches or other dog agility events. The Club defines undue aggression as an unprovoked attack on another dog, animal or human, involving physical contact, whether injury occurs or not. Barking, growling, baring of teeth or lunging are undesirable and should be strongly discouraged, but are not considered undue aggression for the purposes of this Code.

In the interest of safety for its members, their dogs, and others, the Club must take incidents of dog aggression very seriously. However, the Club is willing to assist members in overcoming minor aggression problems their dogs may have, providing that the safety and interests of other Club members and their dogs are not put in jeopardy as a result.

I have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as it applies to me and my dog(s). I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the loss of membership in the Orchid Isle Dog Agility Club.

Signature: _____ Date _____