



## TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. I understand that membership payment is for a calendar year and that it is non-refundable and non-transferable unless for any reason the application is rejected by the Committee, in which case payment will be refunded in full.
2. I accept and agree that the Whangarei Dog Training Association (Club), any representative of the Club, or person acting on behalf of the Club, has no responsibility or liability for anything that may happen to me, my dog, or my property either directly or indirectly as a result of my involvement in any aspect of Club activities.
3. I agree to abide by the Club Guidelines and Rules below. NB The entire version of rules governing the club's activities can be obtained by contacting the Secretary [secretary@wdta.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wdta.org.nz)

## CLUB GUIDELINES AND RULES

Class and club members are asked to comply with the following at all times. These guidelines and rules have been created in order that you and your dog(s) are kept comfortable and safe while using the club facilities and participating in club activities.

1. No bitches in season (on heat) on the grounds at any time during club activities.
2. ALWAYS clean up after your dog(s). You are responsible for providing your own poo bags and disposal. Our grounds are a public park and used for recreational and sporting purposes by large numbers of people at various times.
3. Dogs are to be under control at all times (i.e. on lead) unless for specific training exercises or in supervised play/exercise when the grounds are quiet.
4. Dogs are to be restrained – on lead, tethered (see 4a & 4b below) or crated in vehicles during class setting up and class activities where not directly involved ie not your turn.
  - a. Dogs should not be left tethered unsupervised – especially when members of the public are on the grounds
  - b. Tethered dogs should be wearing a soft webbing or leather collar and have a lead short enough to prevent the possibility of lunging.
5. Instructors are in charge of their classes. They are volunteers who give up considerable time on a regular basis to help people and their dogs learn and enhance their relationship with each other. Please respect and take heed of their instructions, especially around safety practices.
6. No harsh handling or maltreatment of dogs will be tolerated. Incidents will be reported to the Committee and a decision made concerning consequences.



7. If your dog is reactive/fearful/needs more personal space than normal – please ensure you inform your instructor and take appropriate measures to ensure your dog and other dogs and people are safe.
8. No smoking in class or in the clubhouse.
9. When arriving for classes please be aware when parking either on the grounds or in carpark that there may be dogs running free (however, see also 3 and 4 above) and small children about.

### **SHOW ETIQUETTE**

Each year the Whangarei Dog Training Association holds two shows:

#### **Championship Agility Show & Agility Ribbon Trial**

A great deal of organisation is involved, both before and during these shows, to ensure they are successful and enjoyable for the competitors – many of whom travel considerable distances to compete.

Show organisers are always very grateful for any help from club members whether competing or not at these events. Information on how people might be able to help will be sent out to all members before the shows.