

# GREENVILLE AREA DOG CLUB, INC. TRAINING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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In addition to the purpose stated in the Constitution of the G.A.D.C., Inc. the purpose of the members Training Rules and Regulations is to maintain a high standard of training as well as set forth regulations to clarify every member's privileges and responsibilities. Since this is a non-profit organization operated only for those who want to train their dogs and assist others in training, we hope each member will strive for the betterment of the club work.

## SECTION 1.

Members are eligible to train in any class. Any member training a dog shall pay the appropriate training fees which is half (1/2) the regular price.

Instructors for Obedience, Conformation, and Performance who teach a session are entitled to one (1) free session at any time.

Please note, in the case of a hardship where the Club has problems meeting expenses, free/half price training may be changed upon approval of the Board and Club Members.

- A. As a member of G.A.D.C., you are expected to participate in club activities including cleaning and maintenance of the building and setting up and tearing down rings and training equipment.
- B. A member who wishes to become an Assistant Instructor must meet the following criteria:

### Guidelines for Assistant Instructor

1. Speak with the appropriate Director of Training
  2. Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
  3. Must have attended at least two (2) training sessions in the same venue in which they are wanting to assist.
  4. Must attend instructor training sessions.
  5. Must have a good attitude in training
- C. Becoming Head Instructor is subject to appropriate Director of Training approval. PLEASE NOTE: A member coming from another club, that has proven themselves qualified to instruct, can become an Instructor subject to appropriate Director of Training approval.
  - D. Instructors should make every effort to attend Instructor Training Sessions.

## SECTION 2.

Classes will be open to the public for the purpose of training the owner to train his/her dog in the fundamentals of Obedience and Performance.

## SECTION 3.

Children between nine (9) and seventeen (17) years of age are permitted to train in obedience and performance classes offered by the G.A.D.C. A release must be signed by a parent or guardian before children under eighteen (18) years of age are permitted to train. Parents or guardians must

stay in the building during class.

If it is the opinion of the class instructor or the Director of Training that the child is not capable of handling his/her dog in class, he/she will not be permitted to continue with the class instruction. The parent or guardian may continue the training of the dog in the current class. Parents are responsible for their children and dogs and must pay attention to the classes so that they can assist with training at home. A younger trainer may be accepted at the discretion of the appropriate Director of Training.

#### **SECTION 4**

Training Safety: Any Board Member, Committee Member, Instructor, or Assistant who notes any dog, child, or adult human whose behavior appears to pose a threat to the safety of that dog, child, or adult, other dogs or humans, or pose a threat of damage to equipment or other property is empowered to intervene and correct the situation if possible, or otherwise direct the owner, parent, guardian, or adult to remove the dog, child, or his/herself.

1. An incident report must be filed if there is an act of dog aggression, attack, or bite that takes place toward another dog or human in class or at any event.
2. An incident report shall also be filed if there is an incident of unsafe, disruptive or unruly behavior by an adult or child which resulted in the adult being directed to remove him or herself or the child's parent or guardian being directed to remove the child.
3. Dogs should be on lead in the building during training classes, except when doing classroom off-lead work. In agility, dogs should be on lead or under full control when not running a course. "Dogs under control" means that people will keep their dogs close to them and not at the end of a 4' or 6' lead.
4. It is permissible to bring children, however they must sit quietly in one place during the entire training session and may not be on the training floor or on the agility equipment. Children should be advised never to approach a dog that is crated or reach their fingers or hands toward a dog without first asking and receiving permission.
5. Incident reports shall be presented to the Board and filed appropriately.

#### **SECTION 5.**

As a member with full training privileges, every trainer and trainee will abide by the training methods as approved by the Directors of Training unless otherwise agreed to. If you do not agree with a training method, you should speak to the Directors of Training. If you do not participate in one of the training methods, you are not to criticize the instructor or other persons using the method in question as long as the method is not inhumane.

#### **SECTION 6.**

Training methods used will be based on kindness and reward, exercising only the sufficient firmness that each dog requires. TEMPER from the handler will never be tolerated at the Greenville Area Dog Club.

#### **SECTION 7.**

No member shall speak displeasingly or offensively to any instructor or member in the presence of visitors or other members. Any member that chooses to use profanity in any part of the training area (indoors or outdoors) or is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substance may be subject to suspension from training classes without warning.

**SECTION 8.**

The G.A.D.C. will provide training collars and leashes for purchase.

**SECTION 9.**

To make any change to these Training Rules and Regulations, the change proposal must be made and seconded at a general membership meeting. The desired change will be mailed to all active members informing them of the date of voting on the change at a general membership meeting. (the next meeting if possible)

**SECTION 10.**

No G.A.D.C. member is to offer training for monetary profit for classes that G.A.D.C. has to offer to the public within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the club.

**SECTION 11.**

Visitors are welcome to observe training classes. Dogs are not permitted in the building that are not enrolled in classes or owned and overseen by a club member. All dogs in the building must have up to date shot records.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS**

To be eligible for annual awards, an award slip must be filled out and submitted to the Award Chairpersons no later than November 15 of each year.

**TITLE AWARD (CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE AND PERFORMANCE EVENTS)**

A plaque will be awarded for each title earned whether in AKC or any other recognized canine sport event. A dog must be owned or co-owned by the club member. A Conformation title does not need to have been earned by the owner.

**OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD**

These awards are for active members who work at various club events, attend meetings, work for the betterment of the club, train dogs, and promote the club in general. Membership will nominate a member they feel fits this criteria. A ballot will be included in the Christmas Party mailing. Should there be a tie, the Board of Directors will vote by paper ballot.

**JUNIOR MEMBER AWARDS**

All junior members will receive a certificate of appreciation for their participation in club activities.