

DDTC AGGRESSIVE DOG POLICY

The owner of any dog, instructor, or any person in charge of any and all DDTC functions **must** contact by phone or in person either the Obedience or Agility Director within 24 hours if there is an incident. This involves any and all reactive/aggressive behavior towards another person or dog. An incident report must be filled out immediately after the incident.

Depending on the severity of the incident, i.e., open reactivity/aggression towards another person or dog it may be decided by the training director that the dog will not be accepted into any agility class, obedience class or show & go or any other activity held by DDTC and will be referred to an outside consultant/behavioralist who specializes in this type of behavior.

Reactivity/Aggressive behavior is described below

1. Anti-social behavior where the dog does not respond to the Handler's efforts to control the dog or situation.
2. Snarling, growling, posturing when in the ring or walk ways where the dog does not respond to the Handler's efforts to control the dog or situation.
3. Biting or attempting to bite any person, whether it be an instructor or any other person at any DDTC function.
4. Attacking another dog with the intent to harm.
5. Lunging with intent to bite.

The owner of any dog that shows any of the above behaviors towards another person or dog will need to follow the following procedures:

1. If the incident is a first-time incident and neither dog or person was harmed, it needs to be documented on an incident report and noted as such. This form should be filled out by both parties of said incident and also a witness if there was one within 24 hours. One or both Directors need to be informed immediately regarding an incident. If there is a 2nd incident with the same dog or dogs, a 2nd report will be written, Directors informed, and the dog or dogs will not be permitted in the building until they are evaluated by an outside resource who specializes in this type of behavior. Only after an evaluation by either director it will be decided whether they will be allowed back into the building – This should all be documented on the report for all parties.

2. If the first-time incident includes injuries on either a dog or person or both, the dog will immediately be removed from the building. Again, an incident report needs to be filed immediately by all parties and a witness if possible, describing incident. Training director needs to be informed immediately regarding an incident either by phone call or in person. It is at the director's discretion to advise the owner of any dog exhibiting this type of behavior in any class setting to be referred to an outside resource who specializes in this type of behavior. The dog will not be permitted back in building//property until they are evaluated. Training director will give owner of the dog a list of behavioral modification specialists to take their dog too.

Re-Entry Policy:

After a dog has been referred to an outside resource and completion of the evaluation or behavior modification, the outside trainer will confer with the training director and come to an agreement if the dog should be allowed back in the building/property or not. Before the dog is readmitted in the building/property, the Board will be apprised of the decisions made. Any reentry will be subject to a probationary period decided by training director of no less than one class session.

Instructors:

Please be aware of this policy and keep a copy of this policy on your clipboard. The incident report forms may be found in the office on the wall and in the building on the wall by the door. There is an incident report for a dog bite and one for dog that was aggressive but didn't bite human or dog.