

Dominion Chihuahua Club Code of Conduct

Introduction

The Dominion Chihuahua Club is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of whether a Chihuahua is a show dog or pet.

This Code of Conduct outlines what is acceptable and what is unacceptable behaviour – in and out the show ring and at any activity held or attended by the Dominion Chihuahua Club and its members, either as a group or as individuals.

We do not tolerate harassment of members or event participants in any form, either verbally, physically or on social media. Members or event participants violating these rules may be sanctioned or expelled from the event at the discretion of the Show Manager or the DCC Disciplinary Committee.

If a club member or event participant engages in harassing behaviour, the DCC retains the right to take any actions to keep the event a welcoming environment for all participants. The club may take action to redress anything designed to, or with the clear impact of, disrupting the event or making the environment hostile for any participants.

Participants asked to stop any harassing behaviour are expected to comply immediately.

Members are responsible for making their guests aware of the Code of Conduct and will be held responsible for the behaviour of their guests.

It is important that as a member of our club, members understand and accept this Code of Conduct and realise that those who break the code will suffer the appropriate penalties as decided by the Disciplinary Sub-Committee. This could include exclusion from the DCC for a designated period of time, revocation of life or honorary life membership and/or permanent disqualification.

Behaviour and actions taken which are deemed to be in conflict with this Code of Conduct will be reported to the NZKC (Show regulations Rule 25: Reporting of Fraudulent or Discreditable Conduct).

All members or members' guests, regardless of position within the club, will be dealt with in a fair and just manner. If the complaint is against a person or persons of the Disciplinary Committee they will be stood down from the Disciplinary Committee and not partake in any decisions. The DCC Committee will appoint neutral members to replace them.

Information on how to lodge a complaint will be available on the DCC website for any member to access if they have experienced a situation where the Code of Conduct has been breached.

Should an Event/ Show Manager decide a member, or a member's guest must be asked to leave because of gross misconduct (as defined by the Code of Conduct), they will be supported by the members of the Committee in attendance at the event/ show.

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1. I will perform the role of ambassador for our breed and club to the best of my ability.
2. I will respect and abide by the rules of the NZKC and the DCC
3. When taking part in competitions, I agree to understand and abide by the philosophy of fair play, defined as:
 - 3.1. Honesty in contest
 - 3.2. Acceptance in good spirit of the results regardless of whether I am the winner on the day or not.
4. I agree to behave in a polite and respectful manner at all times and not undertake harassment of others, either in person or on social media.
5. I understand and agree that harassment includes, but is not limited to:
 - 5.1. Violent threats, intimidation or personal insults directed against another person or their dogs or kennel.
 - 5.2. Verbal, graphic or written comments related to gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race or religion.
 - 5.3. Posting on public domains or social media of inappropriate comments or references to club members and/or their dogs.
 - 5.4. Stalking or following, including harassing photography or taking unapproved recordings.
 - 5.5. Inappropriate physical contact or sexual attention.
 - 5.6. Posting (or threatening to post in a public domain) other members personally identifying information to defame or harass.
 - 5.7. Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behaviour in another person.
6. I agree to provide adequate care for my dogs including warm sheltered housing, clean water, frequent cleaning of facilities, adequate room to move and free-running time on a regular basis.
7. I will endeavour to keep my dogs in good health at all times, seeking veterinary treatment when needed.
8. I will acquaint myself with Government and local dog bylaws, ensuring my dogs are licensed, microchipped, are not a public nuisance and will not allow my dogs to roam.
9. I will ensure that young or un-immunized dogs are not taken into public places unnecessarily.
10. I will not breed puppies for wholesale, dispose of them as 'give-away' prizes, nor will I supply puppies for pet shop sales.
11. Puppies will only be sold to individuals after I have made a sincere and reasonable effort to make sure the pups will be given proper care and attention.
12. I will not engage in intentionally giving misleading information or false advertising or other practices and will not attempt to falsify statements about my own dogs or those belonging to other people.

I understand and will abide by and honour the above code of conduct.

Signed