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Club Rules 2010-11

To ensure the ongoing enjoyment of club members, we have a few club rules. It is a condition of membership that these are accepted.

Safety

Fracas Instructors will make all reasonable endeavours to run agility classes in a safe and professional manner at all times. Fracas has public liability and general insurance suitable for a dog training club which is reviewed regularly by the committee.

Any physical activity can have risks, however remote. In undertaking agility training, the field surface may be uneven. There is a risk of tripping, slipping or being injured by a dog. In agility there is a risk of injury to the dog even when equipment is being used as safely as possible

Members should not train if they are not prepared to take that risk.

Risks are lessened if dogs and handlers are suitably warmed up before (and between) exercises and if suitable footwear is worn.

Minor existing injuries can be exacerbated or become chronic if handlers and dogs continue to work despite signs of them.

Please DO NOT attempt any of the equipment without direction or permission from an Instructor.

It is advisable to stand well clear of the 'Contact Equipment'. This will reduce the temptation for your dog to attempt it without proper supervision or control.

Statement of Acceptance of Responsibility

Participation in Fracas activities is entirely at the risk of the participant. Neither Fracas, nor its individual instructors or helpers, nor owners of our training venue accept any responsibilities whatsoever for any losses or injuries sustained.

Handlers/ Owners remain responsible for their dogs at all times and are advised to ensure they have adequate pet or household insurance cover for liability in the unlikely event of damage or injury caused by their dog to property or to a third party.

Any handler that is asked to do something they are not comfortable with should decline politely and let the instructor know why.

Venue Housekeeping

We are privileged to have our training field. Please help us keep it by being considerate when parking, and when arriving and leaving the venue by keeping noise levels to a minimum.

Please do not park in front or immediately to the right of the farmhouse gates. The milk tanker needs access and it cannot reverse into the yard if there is a vehicle in the way.

More specific parking guidelines are available on our website www.fracas.org.uk

In order to minimise the likelihood of 'deposits' at the training venue please ensure your dog has time to go to the toilet before arrival.

Naturally such accidents do occur, an instructor can hold your dog if requested whilst any faeces are picked up and removed. This is extremely important as the rest of the field around the training area is used for hay/ silage for the farmer's dairy cows. Dog faeces can contain Neospora which can cause abortion in cattle.

Under no circumstances may any rubbish or faeces be left at the training venue. Faeces must be taken home and disposed of.

DO NOT put faeces in the rubbish bin outside the farm gates.

Dogs must be on a lead except when training and directed by an instructor. This includes going to and from the venue. Do not allow your dog to run around in the hay field and please avoid walking in this by using the mown path down the middle of the field.

Please be aware of traffic at our venues and take care when arriving and departing. Traffic does travel fast along Johns Lane.

DO NOT train your dog if it:

- Is injured or displaying any signs of illness.
- Has been vomiting or has diarrhoea.
- Has Kennel Cough - YOU MUST inform us of this, do not under any circumstances bring the dog or any dogs that have been 'in contact' to club. Please ask your vet or an instructor for more information about Kennel Cough if you are not sure what the signs of it are.
- Is a bitch in season.
- Is under medication and you have not cleared training with your vet and an instructor.
- Is fine but you are not. In particular please do not lift or move any equipment if you are injured or have a weakness that could lead to injury.

Young Handlers

Fracas encourages young handlers to develop a knowledgeable, positive and responsible approach to dog ownership. However, safety precautions must come first. Handlers under the age of 12 years will only be able to attend training with the support of a parent or guardian who will remain responsible for the young handler and their dog at all times. In all cases handlers under the age of 18 years require the signature of a parent or guardian as part of the enrolment process. Individual lessons for handlers under the age of 16 will only take place in the presence of a parent or guardian.

Vaccinations

Handlers are requested to bring proof of their dog's vaccinations when joining the club and then annually at membership renewal, or when requested by a committee member.

Dogs should be currently vaccinated against canine parvovirus, distemper, leptospirosis and infectious canine hepatitis (canine adenovirus). This is in accordance with veterinary advice and is required by our insurance. This advice is reviewed regularly.

Puppies

Puppies have a key socialisation period roughly from 7 to 16 weeks. For this reason we encourage puppies to attend training as early as possible. This however must be balanced by an assessment of the risk of infection. Young puppies may benefit from attending training, without participation. They may be held in the owner's arms or restrained in a crate where they can watch but not have any contact with other dogs.

Guests

Members may bring guests to training. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that guests are informed of the club rules, the risks of attending or participating and that guests agree to accept the club rules.

Cancellation or change of training dates

In exceptional circumstances training may have to be cancelled for reasons beyond the control of the club. We will do our best to inform members and will extend the lesson block so that members do not miss out.

In the event that a member is unable to attend a 'class' we still have to cover our equipment and venue costs and therefore regrettably no refunds will be given.

Fees

Membership is due on the 1st April each year, currently £12 pro rata. Renewal of membership is discounted to £9 after one full year of membership. If you join in the middle of a year membership is £1 per month or part month remaining.

Beginners Course is £60 for the ten week block. The first class will be part lesson part assessment, payment will be requested if you and dog pass this informal assessment. £50 for each following ten week block on a rolling basis.

New members training is £50 per ten week block per dog.

Current Members Training £40 per 10 week block per dog until mid February 2011 when it will rise to £50 per ten week block (2 payment blocks from 11th September). If you train a second dog you will get a £10 discount off your second dog's fees.

