

INDIAN RIVER DOG TRAINING CLUB AGGRESSIVE DOG POLICY

The Indian River Dog Training Club, (IRDTC), strives to provide obedience training and socialization in order that dogs will be welcome members of the community and might distinguish themselves and their breed as companions, or service, or working dogs. The club recognizes that it is the dog owner's responsibility to train and care for his or her dog.

While training using positive reinforcement and motivational techniques has significant benefits for most dogs, there are a few dogs whose training needs to go beyond the scope of the classes offered by this club. For those few, the club's training environment may not be appropriate to meet the needs of dog and owner. A dog may be considered aggressive if it attempts, or repeatedly attempts, actions which may be potentially harmful or dangerous to persons or other animals. Such actions might be, but are not limited to, snapping, growling, baring teeth, charging or lunging, raising hackles, or biting.

1. Any person who believes that s/he has experienced or witnessed an act of dog aggression at the IRDTC training site or at an IRDTC activity may make a written report which must be signed, dated, and presented to the class instructor, training director, or club president. Each incident will be reviewed by the IRDTC Board of Directors with the instructor and training director within 30 days. The dog is automatically suspended from further classes until after the review, and the Board, instructor, and training director will determine any further action.
2. Any dog that behaves in an aggressive manner will be excused from class for the day and removed from the premises. The instructor ALWAYS has the right to request that the handler remove a dog or may recommend other appropriate action.
3. The owner/handler may request in writing a reassessment by the IRDTC Board following a change in the dog's circumstances. The changes may be neutering, private training, or environmental changes. The Board will act on such a request within 30 days.
4. During the time that a dog is suspended from classes, entries of that dog will not be accepted in trials or matches given by this club, and the owner will be advised of this in writing.
5. The training director and instructor will assist the owner/handler in finding appropriate solutions to aggressive dog situations.
6. Full or partial refunds of class fees will be determined by the Board.

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(Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Hold Harmless)

I understand that attendance of a dog obedience training class is not without risk to me, members of my family, guests who may attend, or my dog, because some of the dogs to which I (we) will be exposed may be difficult to control and may be the cause of injury even when handled with the greatest amount of care.

I hereby waive and release the Indian River Dog Training Club, Inc., its members, instructors, assistants, and Board of Directors from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but not without limitation, any injury or damage resulting from the action of any attending any training session or function of the Club, or while on the training grounds or the surrounding area thereto.

In consideration of, and as inducement to, the acceptance of my application for training in this obedience training class, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless this Club, its members, instructors, assistants, and Board of Directors from any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family or any other person accompanying me to any training session or function of this Club or while on the grounds of the surrounding area thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by IRDTC's Aggressive Dog Policy and Waiver (Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Hold Harmless).

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date

In case of minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign

Date