

Dog Safety and Control Policy

Dogs participating in NADA, Inc. events and offerings must not be a hazard to persons or other dogs. If a dog exhibits hazardous behaviours (e.g., aggression and a lack of control), then the following progressive policy will be applied. **Note:** Aggression could be any of the following types of aggressive behaviors: predatory aggression, fear aggression, dominance aggression, pathological aggression, and/or territorial aggression. Pain-induced aggression and seizure-induced aggression are not included in this list of hazardous behaviours as these are considered to be beyond the handler and dog's control.

In classes, instructors must report any significant incident of aggression to the Training Committee (the form can be found in Appendix B). If the incident is deemed due to extenuating circumstances by the instructor, then that should be noted on the incident report. Outside of classes (when there is no instructor), members may similarly choose to submit an incident report to the Training Committee; however, they are not required to do so.

Stage 1: When the Training Committee receive the first report of a significant incident and it is deemed to be due to aggression/lack of control, the handler/owner of the dog will be notified and an appropriate referral or assistance will be given to help the handler/owner address the hazardous behaviours. **Note:** Proper training for this type of issue is beyond the curriculum of the flyball and agility classes, and would require work outside of class time.

Stage 2: Should the Training Committee receive a second report of a significant incident, the dog will receive a minimum two (2) month suspension to allow for appropriate corrective training from a qualified instructor to assist the handler and dog control the hazardous behaviour(s). Once the handler/owner can produce a certificate from an obedience instructor noting that there is more control of the dog, the dog will be allowed to participate in club activities pending no further incidents.

Stage 3: Should the Training Committee receive a third report of a significant incident, the dog will be expelled from all NADA, Inc. activities and offerings. (**Note:** it is the dog, not the handler who is expelled.)

Application for clean record: A handler/owner may apply to have a dog's records expunged if, after a year and active participation in NADA activities, there have been no further incidents reported prior to the receipt of a second or third incident report.

Less Significant Events and Escalation: The above policy does not preclude instructors and members from identifying precursors to aggression/lack of control problems. Instructors and members may report less significant incidents if they wish to identify potential threats for escalation. Upon receipt of these less significant reports, no formal action will follow, nor will they count towards the above progressive policy; however, the Training Committee will inform the handler of the report and suggest resources to aid the handler/owner in addressing this situation.

Very Significant Events: If the Training Committee deem the first reported incident to be very significant (e.g., human involved, blood or serious injury to a dog/cat/horse/other animal), then Stage 2 or 3 will be enacted depending on the severity. This option will only be enacted upon the majority agreement of the Training Committee and Board of Directors.

NADA, Inc. Incident Report

NADA Instructor must submit the original to the [Head Instructors/Training Committee/President] within 5 days. NADA, Inc. Members may submit an incident report within 5 days of an incident witnessed.

Class/Event: _____ Date: _____

Instructor (if applicable): _____

Dog's Name: _____ Handler: _____

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Incident Details

Time of Incident: _____ Significance: _____ Minor _____ Significant

Injuries Sustained: _____

Evidence: _____

Did the dog require Veterinary attention? _____ Yes _____ No

Byewitness Reports: _____

Byewitness Reports: _____

Instructor's Comments: _____

Instructor's Signature: _____ Date: _____