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POLICY STATEMENT	Dogs and humans participating in the Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association, Inc. (NADA, Inc.) events and offerings must follow proper facility etiquette and safety procedures. Dogs 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 progressive reporting and outcomes will be applied.
DEFINITIONS	<p>Incident: An incident is any time when a dog's behaviour indicates an apparent intent to engage in a negative manner and the dogs are within 20 ft, which may include, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a lunge/rushing,</li> <li>• baring of teeth,</li> <li>• snarling,</li> <li>• growling,</li> <li>• snapping,</li> <li>• and making physical contact with another being (another dog, another human).</li> </ul> <p>This may or may not including biting, blood, noise.</p> <p>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.</p>
RESPONSIBILITIES	<p><b>INSTRUCTORS:</b> Must report any incident as defined above to the Dog Safety &amp; Control Committee. If there is more than one instructor present, each instructor must file their own report. If the incident is deemed due to extenuating circumstances by the instructor, then that should be noted on the incident report.</p> <p><b>MEMBERS:</b> Must follow facility etiquette and safety procedures at all times.</p> <p>Members who were involved with or witnessed an incident must also submit an incident report within 3 days of an incident. This includes incidents during a class/workshop, trial, or drop-in.</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b> Must discuss, make recommendations and notify handler in writing of the result within 5 days of receiving a report.</p>
FACILITY ETIQUETTE	When you are coming in to the facility please enter without your dog first

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	<p>to check to see if the facility is being used. If there is someone already present, please discuss how you will accommodate multiple dogs in the facility. It is assumed that the dogs can work off leash in the presence of other dogs who are off leash. If that is not the case and you cannot trust your dog to work independently or there is a risk of aggression, then you should train while your dog is on lead (caution with contact equipment), use gates if this will suffice, leave and come back another time or book a personal hour.</p> <p>Please be courteous and sensible!</p> <p>When working your dog, if you think your dog will bolt out the door if it is opened, please put a gate across the door.</p> <p>Reporting incidents – it is your responsibility and right to submit a <i>Dog Control &amp; Safety</i> report if there is an incident while you are at your drop-in.</p>
<p><b>PROGRESSIVE REPORTING &amp; OUTCOMES</b></p>	<p>Warning: When the DS&amp;C receive the first report of an incident and it is deemed to not be severe, the handler will receive a written warning to improve control and safety based training.</p> <p>Stage 1: When the Dog Safety &amp; Control Committee receive a 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 in writing that additional outside training is required. As proper training for this type of issue is beyond the curriculum of the dog sports classes, and would require work outside of class time with an external qualified instructor. A Dog &amp; Handler Assessment Form will need to be completed by the external instructor and a recommendation provided</p> <p>Stage 2: Should the Dog Safety &amp; Control Committee receive a second report of a significant incident, the dog will receive a minimum two (2) month suspension to allow for appropriate rehabilitative training from an external qualified instructor to assist the handler and dog control the hazardous behaviour(s). The handler/owner will be notified in writing. Proof of training in the form of a Dog &amp; Handler Assessment Form will need to be completed by the external instructor and a recommendation provided will be required to return to NADA offerings.</p> <p>Stage 3:</p>

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	Should the Dog Safety & Control 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.) The handler/owner will be notified in writing.
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. This request must be received by the Committee in writing.
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 Dog Safety & Control Committee will inform the handler of the report in writing and suggest resources to aid the handler/owner in addressing this situation.
VERY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS	If the Dog Safety & Control 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 <u>majority</u> agreement of the Dog Safety & Control Committee <u>and</u> Board of Directors.
DOG SAFETY & CONTROL INCIDENT REPORT	See Dog Safety & Control Incident Report.



## Newfoundland Athletic Dog Association, Inc. Incident Report

NADA, Inc. Instructor must submit the original to the [Head Instructors/Training Committee/President] within 3 days. NADA, Inc. members who were involved with or witnessed an incident should also submit an incident report within 3 days of an incident. This includes incidents during a class/workshop, trial, or drop-in.

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\_\_\_

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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List Eye-Witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor's Comments (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Reporter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed report to the following e-mail address within 3 days of the incident:**  
**[nadapres.carol@gmail.com](mailto:nadapres.carol@gmail.com)**