



ETIQUETTE AND COMMON PRACTICE

Equipment - Setting up and Putting Away

- Early Class
The arena is available to us from 7.00pm and the class will start as soon as all the courses are set up. It is the responsibility of all class members to set up this equipment.
- Late Class
At the end of this class all members training at 8.35pm are responsible for packing equipment away.
- For the safety of all dogs and people there should be **no dogs** in the arena during setting up or packing of equipment. Please return all dogs to the car before moving any equipment, regardless of how small the piece of equipment is.
- If you have any problems or concerns regarding carrying equipment, please speak with your instructor or a committee member.

Awareness and Control

- Please always be aware of your dog's behaviour. Whilst we appreciate you want to chat with your friends it is vital that your dog is under control whilst working, and at all other times.
- Please do not allow your dog to urinate on the equipment or up the arena walls and please clear up any mess if there is an accident.
- Please avoid congregating in **doorways** with dogs and be aware that the previous class may not have finished when you arrive. Please be mindful not to walk across the courses when arriving or leaving the arena.
- Please keep your dogs away from the equipment whilst other dogs are working.
- If any dog has a particular dislike for another it is the responsibility of **both** handlers to prevent any incidents occurring. Please be aware of other dogs in your class and allow extra space when necessary.



- Bitches in season will be able to train at Cranbourne on a Thursday night up to day 9 of their season and before they are receptive to males. They are now allowed to be worked in some competitions, and we feel this is the fairest way for the members who have both entire dogs and bitches.
- If either you or your dogs are unwell, please do not come training. We have both vulnerable members or those close to them and dogs. With respect to Kennel Cough please do not return to the club for at least 14 days after the last cough.

Training Aids and Equipment

The use of toys and treats is encouraged, however:

- Toys must be silent as squeaks can distract dogs on other courses.
- Be careful when throwing toys/balls that they do not land near other dogs/handlers on any course to avoid accident/incident.
- When using treats, be vigilant not to drop any on the course as this will distract subsequent dogs from running.
- The use of any other training aids (e.g. clickers or discs etc) is generally not permitted as some training aids can affect other dogs in ways you may not expect.
- Please discuss with your instructor if you would like to use any other training aid/equipment not mentioned in the list above.

Parking

Please Park considerately and please do not block any entrances. Please note that the spaces directly in front of the indoor arena are for Committee and Instructors only.

Competitions and Ring Parties

- Competitions
There are shows on most weekends and you can do as many or as little as you like. If you are interested in competing and would like some help getting started, you can speak to your instructor who will be more than happy to point you in the right direction.



- Ring Parties

A ring party is a group of people who help to run a ring during competitions. There are a variety of different jobs, and we will not throw you in at the deep end. Ring parties are fun and a good opportunity to socialise (and gossip!). Lunch is usually provided as well as refreshments during the day and you often get preferential parking.

General Information

- There are weaves available for hire. Please liaise with your instructor as to when would be most appropriate for you to hire these.
- If you know in advance that you will not be attending a class, please let your instructor know as this enables us to plan more effectively.
- We have WhatsApp groups, a website and face book page for members.

We hope you find this information useful. If you have any comments, queries or concerns please speak with a member of the committee or a club officer.

Chairmen - Dawn Cannon & Judy Nott

Vice Chairman - Melanie Lewis

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Gill Renner

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