



DOG & ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out a code of conduct to govern the control of dogs and other animals at CMCA premises, RV Parks, CMCA events and rallies and at combined Chapter and monthly Chapter meetings.

The Club is committed to ensuring that CMCA staff, volunteers, Members and non-members comply with the relevant Federal and State Dog and Animal Control Acts and protect the health and safety of all from dangerous or nuisance dogs and other animals.

Dogs and other animals are the responsibility of the dog or animal owner at all times.

Definitions

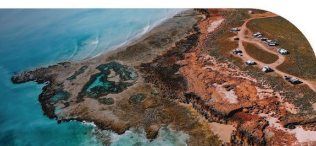
- CMCA is the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd.
- Assistance Animal means an animal referred to as a guide dog, a dog trained to assist a person in activities where hearing is required, and any other animal trained to assist a person to alleviate the effect of a disability, as per the Companion Animal Act 1998.
- Companion Animal means a dog, a cat, any other animal that is prescribed by the regulations as a companion animal, as per the Companion Animal Act 1998.

Legislation

- Commonwealth Work Health & Safety Act – 2011 (NSW)
- Commonwealth Work Health & Safety Regulations – 2017 (NSW)
- Relevant State Acts, Regulations & Codes of Practices (if applicable)
- Companions Animal Act 1998 and Companions Animal Regulations 2008
- Department of Industries – Tethering Animals IND-O-195

Policy

The following policy is implemented to ensure that CMCA staff, volunteers members and non-members, act at all times to meet their statutory obligations



Restricted Breeds

CMCA management will not allow a dog or other animal of a prohibited breed on to any CMCA event or on to CMCA property.

Prohibited dog breeds are:

A dog of mixed breed of which one of the elements is a prohibited breed.

The following are prohibited breeds

- (a) Pit Bull Terrier breeds, including American Pit Bull Terrier;
- (b) Dogo Argentino;
- (c) Fila Brasileiro;
- (d) Japanese Tosa
- (e) Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario
- (f) any dog declared by an authorised officer of a council, under division 6 of the Companion Animals Act 1998, to be a restricted dog.

Registration of Dogs and other Animals

Under legislation the owner or person in charge of a dog or other animal, must ensure that the dog is wearing a collar, or other appropriate identification whilst in public and be micro-chipped and registered where appropriate.

An Assistance Dog (guide or hearing dog) must be registered as an assistance dog.

A Companion Animal must be registered and microchipped as per the owners local council regulations. An emotional support animal can be identified by obtaining a letter of recommendation from a licensed mental health professional.

If a member has either an assistance or companion animal, they must be able to produce the animals certification that declares that animal meets the required Government criteria and if a jacket or collar is applicable, they must be worn at all times. The proof or certification for CMCA events can be forwarded to NHQ and kept on their records.

Owner's Responsibilities

At Club events, or on CMCA premises, dog and other animal owners must not permit a dog or other animal to be, become or create a nuisance. A dog or other animal is a nuisance if it behaves in a manner that is injurious or dangerous to the health of any person; or if it creates a noise, eg by excessive barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such an extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any premises or public place.

Members are only permitted to bring a maximum of two dogs / animals per RV to a CMCA event or on CMCA premises, without prior approval of the CEO.

Under legislation the owner or person in charge of a dog or other animal, including a guide dog, companion, assistance dog/animal or hearing dog/animal, must ensure that the dog/animal is wearing an identifying collar or jacket whilst at CMCA events or on CMCA property and be microchipped and registered.

Dog and other animal owners are responsible for cleaning up and properly disposing of all their animal's droppings. If fouling does occur, the animal's owner will clean up after the animal. Any suitable plastic bag can be used, or special poop-scoop bags can be purchased from pet shops, veterinary surgeries or stores. Dispose of faeces double wrapped in two plastic bags in a litter bin.

As per the Companion Animals Act 1998 – section 13(1) – a dog or other animal that is in a public place must be under the effective control of some competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to the dog or other animal and that is being held by (or secured to) the person. Dogs and Animals are not to be tethered to a moving item such as a push bike, e-bike or e-scooter at anytime.

Generally all dogs and other animals at CMCA events or on CMCA property, should be on leads of less than two meters except if allowed under the Companion Animals Act 1998.

If a dog is tethered to a stationary object, it must be by a lead which is less than two metres long, and for a period not exceeding 30 minutes. Extendable/retractable dog leads are not permitted. Water must be provided for the dog no matter what length of time the dog is tethered.

Dog exercise area is not an "off-lead" area. Dogs that have a tendency to snap or bite should be muzzled while not confined to the owner's RV.

Dogs and other animals, other than Assistance or Companions animals, will not be permitted at any indoor function or any area where food is being served or prepared. Dogs and other animals, other than Assistance or Companions animals, are not permitted inside any marquee or building, including amenity blocks.

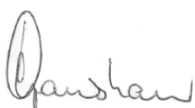
Dogs and other animals are not to be brought to "Happy Hour" gatherings without the express permission of all participants on each occasion. Assistance and Companion animals are permitted; however it is polite to seek permission if the happy hour is held at a members vehicle.

Assistance and Companion Animals are covered under this Policy and the Companion Animals Act 1998.

Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed when required. However, if at any time the legislative or policy environment is so altered that the policy is no longer appropriate in its current form, the policy will be reviewed immediately and amended accordingly.

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Chairman of Directors

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