

COLUMBIA AGILITY TEAM

DOG AGGRESSION POLICY

It is the policy of the Columbia Agility Team to provide a non-aggressive environment for both dogs and persons at all functions of the club.

GUIDELINES

1. These guidelines will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Director's meeting in March of each year. Any changes will be made and approved by that meeting. The Board may revise this policy subsequently if deemed necessary. Any subsequent revision will be specifically called to the attention of the members.
2. Dog aggression, for the purpose of this policy, is defined as behavior where there exists a realistic risk of injury to a person, other dog or property.
3. *During a sanctioned agility event*, within the ring, any decision concerning dog aggression is the judge's decision. Outside the ring, any complaints concerning dog aggression will be brought to the trial chair. The trial chair and two board members will investigate the complaint, including gathering statements from all parties involved, and make decisions based on their findings as well as the guidelines of the event's organization. If two board members are not present, then one board member and the trial chair will investigate.
4. *During an unsanctioned agility event*, any complaints concerning dog aggression will be brought to the coordinator of the event. The coordinator and two board members will investigate the complaint, including gathering statements from all parties involved, and make decisions based on their findings as well as the USDAA guidelines. If two board members are not present, then one board member and the event coordinator will investigate.
5. Any dog, having been found to have displayed aggressive behavior, on any site that is being used by the Columbia Agility Team may be excused from the entire event and no refunds will be made for any fees paid by the owner of the offending dog.

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