

Dog Incident – Dogs Victoria Office Procedure

On receipt of a Dog Incident Report from an Affiliate, Dogs Victoria office will process the report according to the following procedure.

Where the dog has been suspended, immediately make the appropriate entry on the website page under “Suspended Dogs”.

Check the database to see if the dog has any previous official warnings or suspensions. Note the official warning or suspension against the dog on the database.

Place a copy of the Dog Incident Report, details of any prior official warning or suspension, and if applicable a copy of any appeal lodged, on the agenda for the next Management Committee meeting.

Respond to the affiliate confirming receipt of the report.

Write to the owner of the dog concerned confirming the ramifications of the affiliate committee’s findings:

Level 1. Confirm that the dog is on an official warning. Confirm that the dog had behaved in an unruly manner but that the behaviour was not aggressive and did not affect the performance of any other exhibit of handler. Recommend that the owner undertake corrective training with the dog as any further incidents within the next three months resulting in an accumulation of three points will result in the dog being suspended from competition for one month.

Level 2. Confirm that the dog has been suspended from ANKC approved competition for a period of one calendar month from the date of the incident due to its unruly behaviour significantly affecting the performance of another dog or handler. Recommend that the dog undergo re training during the period of suspension

Level 3. Confirm that the dog has been suspended from all ANKC approved activities other than training for a period of three calendar months from the date of the incident due to its behaviour being threatening or intimidating to another dog or handler. At the end of the period of suspension the owner may apply to have the dog assessed for re admission to competition. The application must include documentary evidence of training undergone during the period of suspension. If no such application is received from the owner the dog shall remain suspended from all ANKC approved activities.

Level 4. Confirm that the dog has been suspended from all ANKC approved activities other than training for a period of four calendar months from the date of the incident due to the dog being found to be aggressive towards another dog. At the end of the period of suspension the owner may apply to have the dog assessed to lift the suspension. The application must include documentary evidence of training undergone during the period of suspension. If no such application is received from the owner the dog shall remain suspended from all ANKC approved activities.

Level 5. Confirm that the dog has been suspended from all ANKC approved activities other than training for a period of six calendar months from the date of the incident due to the dog being found to be aggressive towards a person. At the end of the period of suspension the owner may apply to have the dog assessed to lift the suspension. The application must include documentary evidence of

training undergone during the period of suspension. If no such application is received from the owner the dog shall remain suspended from all ANKC approved activities other than training.

Where an appeal has been lodged with five working days of the date of the incident, then in addition to the above, the owner shall be advised that the decision of the affiliate committee remains in force until the outcome of the appeal is known.

The above procedure shall be completed within 10 days of receipt of the Dog Incident Report.

Where at the end of a suspension period an application for assessment is lodged by the owner of a suspended dog the application is to be forwarded to the Chairperson of the relevant discipline committee to arrange the assessment.

Where Management Committee has granted an appeal and as a result an assessment is required the notification is to be forwarded to the Chairperson of the relevant discipline committee to arrange the assessment.

The CE shall advise the owner of the dog of the outcome of the assessment. To be successful the dog must be passed by the majority of the assessors.

Where an assessment is successful delete the dog's name from the website page under "Suspended Dogs", and adjust the notation on the database.

Where an assessment is unsuccessful, advise the owner that the dog remains suspended.

Advise the Management Committee of the result of any assessment.