

IDTC Aggressive Dog Policy and Procedures

Revised by the Training Committee January 17, 2023

This policy and protocol will apply to any event sponsored, organized or hosted by the Ithaca Dog Training Club unless it is an official show/trial covered by another venue/organization such as CPE, AKC, etc. In those cases, the Aggressive Dog Policy of that organization will take precedence on the day of the incident. The member in charge of the event shall be responsible for carrying out the IDTC protocol and delivering the completed Incident Report to the Training Director. In the case of an official show/trial, an IDTC Incident report should still be filled out. The Training Committee will review the information collected and make a determination as to consequences. Consequences could range from a warning to an outright ban of dog, handler, or dog and handler. If the incident takes place at an official show/trial and the IDTC Training Committee decision is to ban the dog, the dog may be banned from future IDTC sponsored shows/trials in accordance with the rules of that venue/ organization. Dog owners/handlers involved in the incident may appeal the decision of the Training Committee to the Board. The Board may confer with the Training Committee to arrive at a decision. A record of the incident and resultant actions, including appeals, will be retained permanently by the Training Committee for reference in the event of repeated incidents or litigation. A member of the Training Committee or Board who is an involved party must be recused from the decision-making process.

Definition/Examples of Aggressive Behaviors

Definitions of Aggressive Behavior and Acts that are potentially harmful or dangerous to humans or dogs. It is understood that some dogs may have space requirements and due consideration shall be given to the dog's needs. Some examples include the following:

- Repeated unprovoked growling or snapping at other dogs or humans
- Charging or running down another dog or a human
- Attacking another dog or a human
- Biting another dog or a human
- Demonstrating aggression toward the handler, other dogs or other people.

Procedure to be followed

When an incident occurs, the Club member in charge of the event will stop activity (if possible) and require the people involved to provide the information on the Dog Incident Report Form. If the Club member in charge is involved in the incident, then the assistant, a Training Committee member, Board member or other Club member must step in to document the incident. Additional witness statements will be collected on separate sheets of paper.

The Dog Incident Report Form and accompanying witness statements must be completed and delivered immediately to the Training Director for Training Committee review following the incident. Reports can be scanned and emailed to the Training Director if it is not possible to submit in person.

Ithaca Dog Training Club Aggressive Dog Incident Report Form

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IDTC Reporting Member

Information collected by:

Date information collected:

Location of Incident: (Organization/address)

Brief Description of incident:

Were there injuries to dogs? Yes No

Please describe:

Were there injuries to people? Yes No
Participant Form if possible)

Please describe: *(injured parties must fill out a Involved*

Was Animal Control called? Yes No

Was Health Department called? Yes No

Were Police called? Yes No

Was a veterinarian required? Yes No

Are videos available? Yes No

Was EMS/medical attention necessary? Yes No What immediate actions were taken?

Date the form was received by the Training Director: _____

Were there subsequent issues or injuries reported to the Training Director?

Disposition:

Training Director Signature: _____ Date _____

Involved Participant/Witness Information

Name:

Date:

Phone/email:

Address:

Dog Information (if you are handler/owner):

- Name:

- Breed/age:

- Rabies vaccination up to date?

- Veterinarian contact info:

Handler/owner (or witness) statement:

Signed: _____

Date: _____