

ANACAPA WORKING DOG ASSOCIATION RULES & REGULATIONS



Our Training Philosophy

Each handler/dog team brings individual characteristics and talents to our field and our club. Our trainers and helpers provide individual attention accordingly to maximize each team's potential.

We strive to help each of our members achieve their desired goals within the limits of the team's ability. Therefore, different training methods and plans may be used for each team in order to achieve desired results and accomplish specific goals.

AWDA Club Objectives

- To adhere to the sport of Schutzhund, its methods, practices and principles.
- To train working dogs – respecting their individual drives, characteristics, and talents.
- To promote humane training methods.
- To support responsible dog ownership and breeding practices.
- To uphold reasonable standards of good sportsmanship.
- To conduct Schutzhund trials and other working dog seminars.
- To support and encourage all members in accomplishing their training goals and objectives.

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Above all we focus on teamwork and strengthening the partnership between dog and handler as our ultimate goal. To this end our trainers and helpers will discuss a team's progress and training plans before, after and/or during each training session.

General Rules & Protocol

- All training is to be done at the discretion of the Training Director.
- At any time, the Training Director may stop training to evaluate the health or safety of the dog or handler.
- Excessive force, abuse or profanity will not be tolerated at any time while training or visiting our field. If you encounter a training problem, please ask for assistance and allow us to help you resolve it.
- All dogs must be secured in a crate or cage when not being worked or in training unless prior approval is obtained from the Training Director. It is up to each member (and guest) to ensure that dogs do not excessively bark when left unattended.
- Equipment: All handlers should have their own equipment for training (collars/leashes/harness/ dumbbell etc.) Speak with the Training Director to find out what tools you may be required to have. Handlers should inspect their equipment regularly to ensure it is in good working condition. This is for the safety of our helpers, trainers, members and dogs.
- Your dog must be **on leash at all times** and kept away from entrance/exit gates/vehicles, unless involved in a training exercise or approaching or exiting the field.
- Do not allow your dog to come up to other dogs during training sessions. Many dogs are excited and may not want to politely greet your dog or you. Do not touch anyone's dog without first asking owner's permission.
- *Although we are a social club, please remember when the Training Director or Helper is critiquing a handler and their dog, please do not interrupt or interject your comments. If you have comments wait until such time as comments are asked for. If you have questions discuss it with the Training Director. There are many valid techniques for training the various disciplines of Schutzhund; however, being bombarded with all of them at once is counterproductive and is detrimental to the training of the dog and handler!! Many aspects of this sport can be learned by diligent observance of others. Please also be courteous and keep side conversations to a minimal so the handler can hear the critique from the Training Director or Helper.*
- Please respect our field. If your dog potties, **PLEASE** pick it up and dispose of it in the trash can by the gate next to the training field. A pooper scooper is available. Please relieve your dogs outside the gate prior to training and entering the training grounds. (Depending upon the severity of a “potty offense,” penalties may include replenishing the club’s “beverage” supply.☺)
- Children of non-members under the age of 12 are not allowed on the training field. **All** children must be under the control of their parents at all times.
- All club equipment used during training must be properly stored in trailer at the end of the training day/night. It is appreciated if everyone would help pick up the equipment at the end of training.
- If you groom or otherwise brush your dog, please dispose of the dog hair in the trash can. Do NOT leave it on the grounds!
- No smoking is allowed at any time on the club grounds or near the dogs or their crates. If you must smoke, please exit the facility to do so, position yourself so as not to offend others and dispose of all remnants safely and accordingly.
- ALL Members are responsible for reasonable upkeep and cleanliness of the club and training field.
- All members should make an attempt to arrive at training on time and be prepared to stay to the end to support your club.
- **Above all we are here to enjoy the sport of Schutzhund. We are here to support and help one another achieve our goals in this sport. Good sportsmanship and respect is expected by all.**

Training Order

- Dogs training for an imminent trial will have priority – in both obedience and protection training – and the opportunity to work first, followed by other club dogs, membership applicant's dogs, and finally guests and visitors.
- A sign up board (White Board) is available within the club sitting area. Please write your dogs name on the board when you arrive. This is used to determine the order for protection training.
- Training order is subject to change and is not solely based on the board. Order may be changed at the discretion of the Training Director and/or helpers

Obedience Training

- A maximum of four dogs will be allowed on the field at one time – two in motion and two doing stationary exercises/or jumps – unless otherwise stated by the Training Director.
- Depending on the exercises the dog team is working on, at times only one dog may be allowed on the field at a time, this is at the discretion of the Training Director.
 - So Please be observant of what is taking place on the field before bringing your dog out for obedience training.

Protection Training

- ALL Dogs must be actively working in obedience training to do protection training.
- All dogs must be off training grounds prior to the start of protection work unless a member receives permission from our Training Director to keep an additional dog on the field.
- All members and guests should be observant during protection work so they know where dogs, handlers and helpers are at all times.

Guests

- All guests are welcome to observe and visit the club.
 - All Guests please introduce yourself to the Training Director or Club Officers upon arriving.
 - Guests may train at the discretion of the Training Director and only after obtaining approval from the Training Director.
 - The cost per training sessions for a quest is \$25 per dog.
 - All training guests must sign a liability waiver/release which will be kept on file for future visits.
- Guests train after all members – in both obedience and protection

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