



## **AGGRESSIVE DOG POLICY**

MADTA Policy # 17

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This Policy shall apply to all members, owners and dogs present at and/or participating in any MADTA functions including, but not limited to, training classes, trials, matches, demonstrations and informal training sessions.

Any dog that attacks a person or dog resulting in an injury, or in the opinion of the class instructor or member of the Event committee presents a hazard to person(s) or other dogs, will be excused from the MADTA grounds, class or event for that day and immediately removed from the premises. The class instructor or Event Committee ALWAYS has the right to request that the handler remove a dog.

### **Procedures:**

1. Any attack by a dog to another dog or person that presents a hazard to persons or other dogs must be reported using the MADTA Incident Report Form. The form must be signed, dated and presented to the class instructor, training director or club president within five days of the incident.
2. If the incident occurs during a class at MADTA, the class instructor is responsible for completing the Incident Report form along with anyone else that witnessed the incident. The Training Director or a member of the MADTA Board will interview the witnesses to the incident in person or by telephone as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours after the report has been submitted.
3. If the incident occurs during any AKC sanctioned event sponsored by MADTA, the incident will also be reported to the MADTA Trial Committee following AKC procedures and submitted to AKC if required.
4. Each incident will be reviewed by the MADTA Board within 14 business days. The dog is automatically suspended from any classes, the MADTA clubhouse and any MADTA sponsored event until after the review.

5. During the period of time that a dog is suspended from classes, entries of the dog will not be accepted in trials, matches or any other MADTA function. The owner will be advised of this in writing from the Training Director.
6. The MADTA Board, instructor and training director will meet to determine any further action.
7. For a dog to be reinstated the owner must make a written request to the Training Director and MADTA Board that documents a change in the dog's circumstances as follows:
  - a. The dog and owner have been training with a behaviorist or an aggressive dog rehab specialist. The owner provides a signed evaluation by an animal behaviorist supporting the dog's reinstatement.
  - b. The owner provides a signed statement from a veterinarian confirming the dog is healthy and does not have a underlying health problem.
  - c. The owner provides proof of liability insurance.
8. The Training Director and MADTA Board will then act on this written request within 14 days after receiving it.
9. ALL training class participants and club members will receive or be given online access to a copy of the Aggressive Dog Policy.