
Southern CKCS Club

W E L F A R E O R G A N I S A T I O N
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RESPONSIBILITY

There are many things to consider as a dog owner. Your responsibility to your dog and to the community is very important so that man and dog can live in harmony.

DO

- Make sure your dog wears a collar with an identification tag with your name, address and telephone number. Control of Dogs Order 1992.
- Attend dog training classes – a trained dog is a happy dog.
- Keep your dog under control at all times.
- Train your dog to use the kerb correctly.
- Always clean up after your dog.
- Keep your dog close to you when walking on a lead.
- Respect the Country Code.
- Give your dog the correct amount of exercise and play.
- Feed your dog a balanced, nutritious diet with adequate food and water.
- Worm your dog routinely.
- Register your dog with your local vet and attend annual health checks.
- Take out veterinary insurance to cover any unforeseen injuries or illnesses.
- Groom your dog regularly.
- When booking holidays make suitable arrangements for your dog, don't leave it too late. Ensure all vaccination certificates are up to date before booking your dog into kennels.
- Consider that adult dogs of either sex may be neutered to prevent unwanted puppies.
- Consider either third party legal liability insurance or take out specific canine insurance in case your dog causes damage or an accident.
- REMEMBER – Not everybody loves dogs – only a minority of the population are dog owners – respect the views of others.

DON'T

- Don't allow your dog to foul footpaths, parks or public places. Local authorities have the power to make it an offence punishable by a fine. Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.
- Don't allow your dog to interfere with passers-by in the street.
- Don't allow your dog to make unnecessary noise.
- Don't take your dog into food shops or places where dogs are not allowed.
- Don't allow your dog to roam freely in grazing fields or through crops.
- Don't allow your dog to chase livestock or wildlife.
- Don't leave your dog alone for long periods of time – dogs feel lonely just like humans.
- Don't allow your dog to roam the streets or countryside unsupervised.
- Don't spoil your dog – spoiled dogs are as bad as spoiled children.
- Don't leave your dog unattended in a vehicle for any period of time.

REMEMBER

All the above points are under your control. Most of the DON'TS can be avoided if your dog is well trained. A well trained dog is a credit to its owner.