



### Venue:

The training venue is Crossgate Farm, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding, PE114SJ. Please note the postcode does not take you straight there, the property is on the junction with Pinder Lane. Training is outdoors, either on grass or in the menage. There are lights for evening training. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Trainers are usually the best option along with warm clothing.

### Parking

Once at the property, please enter via the left hand gate ensuring you close the gate behind you. Please drive up the drive and park in the next available space ensuring you do not block anyone else in. Please then walk through the next gate at the top of the drive.

Please ensure you drive an a maximum of 5 MPH whilst on site as there maybe loose dogs.

I am attaching a set of club rules. Please read these carefully. It is essential that everyone abides by these rules!



## Club Rules

Please take note of these rules. It is essential that everyone abides by these simple rules. They are in place to ensure that we can continue to train and to allow everyone to enjoy our training classes safely.

### Venue rules:

- **Dogs must be on lead at all times unless they are working.** This applies from the moment they get out of the car until the moment they get back in the car to leave the venue. **NO EXCEPTIONS, please** unless in the warm up area.
- **Please pick up after your dog and take any rubbish home with you.** There are no bins provided at the venue for our use.
- **Please park considerately,** ensuring that the access track is kept clear at all times.
- **Please note there is a speed limit of 5mph at the venue,** please make sure you obey this. 5 mph is walking pace (put your car in 1<sup>st</sup> gear and take your foot off the accelerator, it really is that slow!!)
- **Please exercise your dog before you arrive.** There is a warm up area which is to the right of the stable block, one dog off lead in this area at any time and be aware that whilst the fence is checked regularly I cannot guarantee there will not be any holes
- **Please ensure that any children who come with you to the venue are under control and adult supervision at all times.** Children must not climb on the training equipment for their own safety and to avoid damaging the equipment (damages will have to be paid for).
- **Please respect requests to not allow your dog to greet other dogs.** Not all dogs like other dogs in their space and if an owner or trainer asks you to give a dog space, there is probably a good reason for this (either the dog is likely to snap at your dog or the dog is stressed by this). Please do not ignore these requests, everyone is there to enjoy their class.
- **Please do not allow your dog to pee on any of the training equipment or to use the equipment other than as directed by the instructor.** If one dog pees on the equipment, they will all do this. If your dog does have an accident, please speak up and clean it off. There is water available and we will usually have a spray or vinegar available to remove the smell. It will be your responsibility to do this, not the instructor's. For your safety, please only use the equipment as directed by our instructors.
- **If you need to leave your dog, e.g. to walk a course, please ensure that they are secured I some way (crate or tied up).** There may be other dogs in class that will not react well to another dog wandering around. This applies even if you are pretty sure your dog will stay in one place as this cannot be 100% certain.
- **It is your responsibility to ensure both yourself and your dog is fit and healthy enough to participate in training.** However the trainer reserves the right to decline training based on injury or lack of fitness. Please speak to me before booking training if you are uncertain.
- **Dogs are only to be used upon instruction.** Please do not use any of the equipment unless instructed to do so as this could injury your dog.
- **24 hours notice of cancellation is required.**
- **No harsh handling at anytime.** This will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave. We all get frustrated in training and if you need it take a few minutes time out to compose. Choke chains/Prong collars or shock collars are not to be used during training



### *Safety and Emergency Procedures*

We will make every reasonable effort to ensure that all our classes are conducted in a safe and professional manner at all times, in accordance with veterinary advice (where applicable) and good practice. The Club has public liability and general insurance suitable for a dog training club.

However, please note the following for your own safety:

- **There is a certain degree of risk involved in any sport.** Please do not train if you do not accept the risk involved,
- **Please be careful on slippery or uneven surfaces,** there is a risk of falling over and you may injure yourself,
- **Dogs and handlers should warm up properly** before (and between) exercises, if you are not sure how to warm your dog up, please ask one of our instructors.
- **Handlers should wear suitable footwear** (trainers are usually the most appropriate option).
- **Do not train if you or your dog are injured or unwell.** If your dog is under medication or injured and you believe that they are well enough to train, it is imperative that you obtain and follow veterinary advice on this matter.
- **Please follow the advice and instructions of instructors;** they are trying to ensure that the class is run safely. If you are not comfortable with something you are asked to do, please let the instructor know, we do not wish you to do things you are not comfortable with.
- **All dogs attending training must have adequate vaccination cover.** A copy of the vaccination certificate/Teiter test must be provided for the Club's records at the time of registration and when requested to prove continued protection. Herbal or holistic vaccinations will only be allowed at the discretion of the club and this will be based on veterinary advice.
- **It is imperative that dogs are not fed in the 2 hours prior to agility training.** They could suffer serious illness or worse if they are exercised vigorously too soon after being fed.
- **If you are worried about anything to do with your dog or their health,** please ask our instructors who will be happy to discuss this but please remember that they cannot give veterinary advice. For any health worries, please consult a vet.

**If you believe any of the following apply, please do not bring your dog to our venue:**

- Your dog has or has been in contact with any contagious diseases, in particular kennel cough or if they are suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea. If in doubt, seek the advice of a vet or ask your instructor **BEFORE YOU BRING YOUR DOG TO THE VENUE.** Please also inform me so that we can take any necessary steps to protect other members' dogs.
- Your bitch is in season (can be accommodated on a 1-1 basis only)
- Your dog is under medication and you have not cleared training with your vet and instructor (in particular, dogs may not train if they are taking any kind of pain killer or anti-inflammatory which could mask pain which might otherwise prevent them working)
- Your dog is injured and you have not cleared training with your vet

Please also inform us if you have any injury or weakness which may be exacerbated by training activities, including assisting with moving any of the equipment.

If an incident does occur, please observe the following procedures:

Please ensure the instructor is informed of any incidents.



The priority has to be to minimise the risk of further injury to people and dogs. Please do not put yourself or your dog at unnecessary risk. Please secure all dogs away from each other.

In the event of a serious dog-to-dog incident or an injury caused to a person by a dog, it is your responsibility to exchange details with the other party. However, if this is not done within a reasonable time, the Club reserves the right to pass on your details to the other party or to any other party which it has a legal duty to inform.

A record will be kept by the club of any incidents which may occur. A basic first aid kit will be kept at our venues.

### *Statement of Acceptance of Responsibility*

Participation in Club activities is entirely at the risk of the participant. Neither the Club nor its individual instructors or helpers, nor the owners of the venues accept any liability whatsoever, for any injuries or losses sustained. Handlers and / or owners remain responsible for their dog at all times and are advised to ensure that they have adequate pet or household insurance cover for liability in the unlikely event of injury or damage caused by their dog to a third party or to property. By coming to our training classes, you will be deemed to have accepted this risk.

### *Special considerations:*

#### **Puppies:**

Puppies should not start agility training before they reach an appropriate age (this varies slightly from breed to breed and class to class). We do not accept puppies for full agility training, however they may attend pre-agility classes which cover foundation work rather than the actual agility equipment. We are happy to provide training for puppies of a suitable age, if there is a suitable class available.

#### **Children, young handlers and guests**

I wish to encourage young people to develop a responsible relationship with their dogs. They may attend to watch training but must be under control at all times and under the supervision of a parent or guardian who will remain responsible for the child and dog at all times. Children of a reasonable age and maturity may train their dogs but the safety of everyone has to be a priority so this will be solely at the discretion of the instructor and a parent or guardian must be present and shall remain responsible for them at all times. If the instructor deems that for any reason they are not comfortable with the child's ability to handle the dog or equipment safely, they will be asked to stop. Please do not be offended, this is to ensure the safety of everyone present, and the instructor's decision is final. Children must not be allowed to climb on the equipment under any circumstances whatsoever.

Members may bring guests to training but it is their responsibility to ensure that their guests are aware of the Club rules, any risks and that the guests agree to abide by the Club rules. Guests attend solely at their own risk and must not interfere with the training of the dogs in the class.

**Any dogs not enrolled in the training classes will not usually be allowed to attend classes.** Exceptions may be made but ONLY with the express, advance permission of the Instructors. The Club reserves absolute discretion in this matter and decisions will be based on protecting the health, safety and enjoyment of the dogs attending the Club. Any guest dogs must comply with the above health and vaccination requirements. It may be beneficial for puppies to attend to watch classes for socialisation purposes but this is at the absolute discretion of the Club and they must not be allowed to disrupt the classes or to use any of the equipment.