

# Standing Rules

## For Wild West Dogsport Club Visitors

The following standing rules have been established for all attendees at any training session at Wild West Dogsport. Each attendee must observe all the rules shown below and supply a signed copy of this document to the acting club secretary (see page 3) BEFORE working their dog.

WWDS aims to be a competitive Schutzhund dog-training club that produces impressive dog-handler teams, exhibited with exemplary sportsmanship and proudly supported by other members during event participation in all three phases. WWDS is open to all working breeds of dogs that show an aptitude for the rigors of the sport.

### 1) General Conduct

Conduct of visitors during Training-Saturdays (TS) should be conducive to continued learning, improvement and understanding of the sport of Schutzhund and the training of one's own and fellow handlers' dogs. Visitors are encouraged to participate in training sessions of other handlers by observing and asking questions about the training process. The use of profanity is not appropriate in this setting.

### 2) Photos & Video Recordings

Photos and video may be recorded for personal use only. Neither may be published publically, online or emailed without the express permission of every person, helper, handler and dog featured.

### 3) Potential New Members & New Dogs

WWDS highly appreciates referrals of new members. WWDS has a screening process in place that assures inviting only those people (and dogs) that have been fully informed about the club requirements, fees, goals and the commitment level necessary for the sport. In addition, this will ensure that newcomers know what to bring to the training field and what will be required of them in order to get their dog evaluated. We ask that you refer any interested party to a club officer.

### 4) How to Join WWDS - Active Membership

The following steps are required to become an Active WWDS Member:

- a) Apply for and go through the 6-month provisional term.
- b) Fill out applicable forms and pay applicable fees and dues.
- c) Receive a majority vote of the membership, based on their evaluation during the provisional term.

For more information or an application, please ask a WWDS member.

### 5) Training-Saturdays

Each Training-Saturdays (TS) consists of one open-field obedience session and two protection run-throughs. Obedience begins at approximately 10 am and protection begins at approximately 11:30 am. There is typically a lunch break during mid-day and most TS run through to the late afternoon hours.

### 6) Obedience & Training Etiquette

- a) All dogs must be securely kept in wire or plastic crates when not being worked or exercised. Visitors are expressly responsible for their dog's wellbeing & safety and must make sure there is adequate ventilation, shade, shelter and water available to their dog/s at all times.
- b) Dogs must be kept under strict control whenever out of their crates and must be kept on leash at all times (except during off-leash heeling) on the field, on deck, in the parking lot and around the school buildings.
- c) Dogs not yet fully off-leash trained should always wear a line and/or remote collar, to avoid any incidents with other dogs,

persons and/or to prevent injury to the dog if it runs across the adjacent roadway or parking lot.

- d) Visitors with dog aggressive or people aggressive dogs must always keep the safety of others and their dogs as their highest priority. Visitors with such dogs are expected to keep their dogs controlled, prevent them from initiating any attack and advising others of these facts. They are furthermore expected to seek out solutions to the problem with the help of the training director, training helper or independently. Visitors may not use the presence of other dog/handler teams as training opportunities without the other member's express consent. Any such incident may result in fines and/or restricted training access.
- e) It is generally frowned upon to allow your dog to engage in staring at or barking at other trainers' dogs while on the training grounds.
- f) Visitors are asked to respect others using the field and continue to check each other's position and whereabouts to avoid interfering or unduly distracting a dog not yet ready for such distractions.
- g) Visitors wishing to practice the gunshots must first check with all other trainers on the field, to be sure everyone is ready or has time to reposition themselves and their dog relative to the gun.
- h) Visitors wishing to practice the go-out must ask other trainers on the field to briefly move away from the send-out area so as to practice the exercise in the safest way possible.
- i) Visitors using the wall, jump or centerline of field may not do so for an excessive amount of time, and hold up other trainers.
- j) Visitors wishing to play with their dogs after obedience training may do so on the field inside the school's running track or elsewhere deemed safe. Holding up other trainers from using the training field while playing with your dog is not acceptable.
- k) Visitors may take their dogs to the field inside the school's running track during obedience or protection training, as long as their activities do not disturb the training in progress. It is the handler's responsibility to conservatively assess his/her dog's reliability in this situation, and abstain from off-leash activities, if there is a chance that the dog may break and run towards the training area.
- l) In the one (1) month period before a trial, use of the obedience field & equipment is prioritized to those dog-handler teams officially entered in the trial (fees & application submitted).

### 7) Drop-Ins Training Order

Training drop-ins will be worked after all club members have had a turn. If a visitor has more than one dog, reasonable accommodations will be made to allow for a dog in between such drop-in's turns. Helpers have special privileges as determined by the board of directors that may extend to fees, renewals and training order.

### 8) Training Field & Adjacent Grounds

- a) WWDS considers it an immense privilege to be able to use Columbine School for training. All WWDS visitors are expected to treat the grounds, buildings and surrounding areas with utmost respect, consideration and cleanliness. All trash/dog waste must be removed from the grounds, even if you did not personally leave it. Always remember that schoolchildren are in attendance on the grounds during school days.
- b) The area at the very NW of the school grounds has been designated as the dog potty area. As such, visitors may walk their



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**FILE THIS PORTION WITH A CLUB OFFICER**

PRESIDENT: ANN BOYCE

VICE-PRESIDENT/SECRETARY: JEANITA DAVIS

TREASURER: BRITT COFFMAN

### **Acceptance of Standing Rules**

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I certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the official WWDS Visitor Standing Rules V. 2011.1, as revised and approved by the Wild West Dogsport membership on August 6, 2011.

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Print Visitor Name

Date

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Visitor Signature

Email Address

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### **Conditions of Participation**

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By signing below, I agree that every dog I bring to any function of Wild West Dogsport will at all times be in the care and control of its handler. I further understand that by participating I agree to be fully responsible for the actions of my dog(s) while on the training grounds. I agree to hold Wild West Dogsport, its members and all property owners HARMLESS for loss and injury allegedly caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my dog while on the site. I hereby assume all responsibility for such claims. I further relinquish all claims and agree to hold Wild West Dogsport, its members and all property owners HARMLESS for loss or injury that may have been caused directly or indirectly to myself or my dog during participation in WWDS activities. I agree to conduct myself with good sportsmanship and in a way that reflects well on myself and the sport of Schutzhund. I understand that abusive training or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in a minimum of dismissal from the club activity and ejection from the grounds with no refund of fees.

By signing below, I agree to the Conditions of Participation as stated above:

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Print Visitor Name

Date

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Visitor Signature