



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

EXCLUSION OF DOGS FROM EXHIBITION DUE TO AGGRESSION

1. The Rules and Regulations governing Incidents of Aggression

In the case of a dog aggression incident having taken place at a KUSA Show, the following procedure is to be followed as described in Schedule 03 Regulation 14 and the TEO Manual.

Schedule 03 Regulation 14 – Exclusion of dogs

A Show Committee will have the power to exclude, refuse or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, savage disposition, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition at a specific Show. Once a dog has been excluded or refused admission or has been removed from the precincts of a Show because of disease, savage disposition or any other cause, it will not be brought into the Show at any time or under any circumstances. The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee, shall submit to the Secretary within seven (7) days of the close of the Show a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident following the procedures as set out in the Temporary Exclusion Order Manual and Annexure A thereof published from time to time by the Federal Council.

Schedule 03 Regulation 19.8 – in the event of a dog attacking /showing aggression to the Judge:

If a dog attacks a Judge or shows aggression towards a Judge, it must be immediately excused from the Ring and the Judge must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show Secretary shall then send a written report of the incident to the Secretary of KUSA in accordance with Regulation 14;

2. Procedure to be followed once an incident has occurred

2.1 Inside the Ring

The relevant clauses of the TEO Manual state:

- 8.1 *When a likely Incident occurs **inside** the showring, the Judge must immediately instruct the Ring Steward to excuse the Implicated Dog from the showring, call for the appointed Show Manager and report the Incident.*
- 8.2 *The Show Manager will suspend the judging of the class and immediately report the likely Incident to the Show Committee for a decision.*
- 8.3 *Should the Show Committee conclude that there was insufficient cause to declare the occurrence as an Incident, the Judge, Ring Steward and Handler must be informed, and the judging of the class may then continue with the Implicated Dog competing.*

- 8.4 *Should the Show Committee, however, be of the opinion that the occurrence qualified as an Incident, the Show Manager must immediately take the necessary action to ensure that the Implicated Dog is withdrawn from further competition at that Show/Event and that it is removed from the showgrounds.*

2.2 Outside the Ring

The relevant clauses of the TEO Manual state:

- 9.1 *When a likely Incident occurs **outside** the showing, the affected person(s), i.e. Complainant(s), or Owner/Handler of the dog, must immediately advance to the Show Office and report the Incident to the Show Manager.*
- 9.2 *The Show Manager must immediately report the likely Incident to the Show Committee for a decision.*
- 9.3 *Should the Show Committee conclude that there was insufficient cause to declare the occurrence as an Incident, the Complainant(s) and the Owner/Handler of the Implicated Dog must immediately be informed of the decision by the Show Manager.*
- 9.4 *Should the Complainant(s) feel aggrieved by a conclusion of insufficient cause (to declare an Incident) reached by the Show Committee, the Complainant(s) would be at liberty to lodge a formal complaint in terms of Schedule 1 of the KUSA Constitution at a later stage.*
- 9.5 *Should the Show Committee, however, be of the opinion that the occurrence qualified as an Incident, the Show Manager must immediately take the necessary action to ensure that the Implicated Dog is withdrawn from further competition at that Show/Event and that it is removed from the showgrounds.*

In the event of an Implicated Dog being entered in a **second show on the same day or weekend held by the same Club**, the Implicated Dog will automatically be excluded from competing at the second Show/Event.

3. Reporting the Incident

A written report submitted to the KUSA Secretary must be submitted within 7 days of the close of the Show:-

- 3.1 Complete in full the form **Reporting a Case of Dog Aggression at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event"- Annexure "A**
- 3.2 Send the abovementioned form to the KUSA Office together with the following documents:
- Sworn statements from Judge and/or Ring Steward if the event took place in the ring
 - Sworn statements from the injured party, owner/handler and witness(es) as relevant
 - A copy of the relevant page from the Show Catalogue
 - A copy of the Judges Sheet (if relevant)
 - Any other relevant supporting documentation

Should it not be possible to submit the necessary documents to the KUSA Office in time, the Club (or responsible body) must apply for an extension which the Chairman of the Executive Committee may, upon application, grant such reasonable extension at his/her sole discretion for the submission of documentation, **provided that** the documentation is received at least three (3) days before the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting.

Failure to report an incident could lead to a fine imposed under Schedule 3 Regulation 3.3 or lead to disciplinary action taken under Schedule 1.

4. Links to relevant documents

- [Schedule 03](#)
- [Schedule 04](#)
- [TEO Manual](#)
- [Reporting a Case of Dog Aggression at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event"- Annexure "A](#)
- [Template for Affidavit](#) to be completed

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