

MANUAL

FOR THE HANDLING OF INCIDENTS OF DOG AGGRESSION AND SAVAGE DISPOSITION AT KUSA-LICENSED SHOWS AND EVENTS AND THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUING AND LIFTING OF A TEMPORARY EXCLUSION ORDER (TEO) AGAINST AN IMPLICATED DOG

1. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1.1. The following terms are defined solely for the purpose of clarity of meaning as applied in this Manual, which seeks to provide guidance for the handling and processing of an incident of dog aggression, or a display of savage disposition by a dog. The purpose of this Manual is to advise and assist the Show Committee, exhibitors, handlers and/or owners of dogs implicated in incidents of aggression, or those that display savage disposition at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events, of the procedures to be followed. Terms not specifically defined will assume their everyday meaning or the meaning specifically ascribed to them in the KUSA Constitution.

1.1.1. **Aggression** – means, insofar as a dog present and/or exhibited at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event is concerned, a display of undue savage disposition towards a human or another dog by the Implicated Dog by snarling, barking, snapping or lunging towards in an aggressive manner, with the clear intent of biting, either inside or outside of the showing.

1.1.2. **Attacking** – means, insofar as a dog present and/or exhibited at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event is concerned, any action on the part of an Implicated Dog towards a human or another dog with the intent to bite or maul, whether the dog is restrained from drawing blood, or not, either inside or outside of the showing.

1.1.3. **Biting** – means, insofar as a dog present and/or exhibited at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event is concerned, an Implicated Dog succeeding in biting a human or another dog, and drawing blood as a consequence, either inside or outside of the showing.

1.1.4. **CGC (Canine Good Citizen)** – means a series of tests at three (3) levels – Bronze, Silver & Gold – to promote responsible dog ownership and

encourage the training of well-mannered dogs.

- 1.1.5. **Handler** – means the handlers of the Implicated Dog at the time of the Incident.
- 1.1.6. **Implicated Dog** – means a dog present and/or exhibited at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event that has been involved in an Incident as defined hereunder and who may, or may not, have been issued with a Temporary Exclusion Order (TEO).
- 1.1.7. **Incident** – means, insofar as a dog present and/or exhibited at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event is concerned, any incident of Aggression, Attacking or Biting by an Implicated Dog.
- 1.1.8. **Owner** – means one owner, or more than one owner, of the Implicated Dog.
- 1.1.9. **Show Committee** – means the Committee vested by the KUSA-affiliated Club with the responsibility to present and the KUSA-licensed Show/Event where an Implicated Dog might be present and/or exhibited and which customarily includes a Show/Event Manager, the Show/Event Secretary and the Club Chairman.
- 1.1.10. **Show/Event Secretary** – means the secretary appointed by a KUSA-affiliated Club to execute the administration of the KUSA-licensed Show/Event.
- 1.1.11. **TEO (Temporary Exclusion Order)** – means an order (directive), issued by the Chairman of Executive Committee, or a Member of the Executive Committee acting in his stead, or by the Executive Committee, prohibiting an Implicated Dog entry to, and from being exhibited at, any KUSA-licensed Show/Event, which order shall remain in full force and effect until withdrawn by Executive Committee in terms Schedule 3 Regulation 14 and Schedule 4 Regulation 9.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1. Incidents of Aggression and savage disposition of exhibits have in recent times become more prevalent at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events. These Incidents have ranged from a minor show of Aggression towards humans and other dogs, to

serious mauling and biting.

- 2.2. Show Committees have to ensure that good order and discipline prevail at the Shows/Events managed by them in order to protect officials, exhibits, handlers and members of the public against any dog present at that Show/Event that displays unacceptable aggressive behaviour or savage disposition towards other dogs and/or humans.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS MANUAL

- 3.1. This practical Manual seeks to assist Show Committees, Judges, Ring Stewards, owners and handlers in dealing with Incidents of Aggression at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events in accordance with the provisions of the KUSA Constitution.
- 3.2. The Manual includes guidance and also covers the specific processes and procedures to be followed in dealing with the barring, exclusion, withdrawal and/or removal of dogs from exhibition at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events, as well as the procedure to impose a TEO relating to an Incident as defined in this Manual and the procedure to withdraw it.
- 3.3. This Manual applies to KUSA-registered Implicated Dogs, participating in Breed Shows as well as Working Disciplines Shows organised by KUSA-affiliated Clubs.

4. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. In order to give effect to the proper execution of the procedures and processes contained in this Manual, each Show Committee[s] of KUSA-affiliated Clubs must ensure that their appointed Show Secretaries are in possession of all the required documentation for dealing with Incidents at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events.
- ~~4.2. To expedite the process of reporting Incidents and, in order to assist Show Committees and their Show Secretaries in the speedy collation of evidence and sworn statements from witnesses, it must be ensured, if possible, that a Commissioner of Oaths is available to take sworn statements in the event of an Incident at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event.~~

(renumber sections accordingly)

- 4.2 Show Committees must take all the necessary care to ensure that all available evidence is obtained and witnesses are secured to effect the exclusion and/or

removal of an Implicated Dog.

- 4.3. Show Committees and Show Secretaries are to take note of the content, provisions and timeframes prescribed in Schedule 3 Regulations 14 & 19.8 with regard to an Incidents occurring at a licensed Championship Show/Event, and Schedule 4 Regulations 9 & 14 with regard to Incidents occurring at a licensed Non-championship Show/Event for the reporting of any Incidents of Aggression and savage disposition, including the submission of supporting documents and evidence to the Secretary of KUSA.
- 4.4. **Unless otherwise provided for in this Manual, a clerical or accidental error or omission or other failure to comply with this Manual or any other related Article, Schedule or Regulation by the KUSA, the Executive Committee, or the Secretary may not –**
 - 4.4.1 **invalidate any process, proceedings or steps taken during such proceedings or thereafter, or**
 - 4.4.2 **affect a document, decision or action at or during the proceedings.**
- 4.5. **The Executive Committee may extend any period determined in this Manual for doing any act.**

5. JUDGES' CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1. Judges are responsible for overseeing what occurs within the showing and ensuring that judging takes place in a structured, well-disciplined manner and in an environment conducive to the proper assessment of exhibits on a non-partisan basis, without hindrance or intolerance. In this regard, Judges are assisted by Ring Stewards with the co-responsibility of ensuring that the Show/Event takes place in an orderly fashion with observance of proper decorum.
- 5.2. Judges need to apply their knowledge and experience and take particular care to adjudicate each situation separately and with the utmost diligence, so as not to confuse a breed's normal display of character, e.g. acceptable and non-aggressive yelping and barking, as acts of Aggression.
- 5.3. Judges are reminded that Aggression, as defined herein, detected in any exhibit in the showing, **must** be reported to the Show Manager immediately after

occurrence of the Incident.

6. EXIBITORS' CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1. It is expected of all dogs entered at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events to be properly socialised with humans and other dogs prior to their being entered for exhibition.
- 6.2. Shows/Events do not serve as a training ground for dogs and it is accepted by the Show Committee that dogs entered for exhibition at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event have been properly ring-trained and socialised.
- 6.3. Owners and Handlers of dogs exhibited at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events must ensure that their exhibits are under full control at all times, both inside and outside of the showing, and be confident of their charges' ability to respond positively to voice commands.
- 6.4. While at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event, Owners and Handlers are responsible for the actions of their dogs and need to be aware that strict rules apply to their charges' behaviour inside and outside the showing.
- 6.5. All dogs entered and shown at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events must at all times be secured, either crated in a secure dog-crate or dog-trailer when not competing, or on a leash under proper and effective control of the Handler when competing or exercised.

7. INCIDENTS

- 7.1. For the purpose of this Manual, the following is provided to assist Show Managers, Show Committees and Judges, as well as Owners or Handlers of an Implicated Dog, in determining the course of action to be taken when a dog entered for exhibition at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event is involved in an Incident of Aggression, Attacking or Biting, as defined.

7.2. Inside the showing:

- 7.2.1. Showing Aggression towards, or physically Attacking, and/or Biting either the Judge or Ring Steward;

7.2.2. Showing Aggression towards, or physically Attacking and/or Biting its Handler, or another human;

7.2.3. Showing Aggression towards or physically Attacking and/or Biting a competing dog.

7.3. Outside the showing:

7.3.1. Showing Aggression towards, or physically Attacking and/or Biting, another dog;

7.3.2. Showing Aggression towards, or physically Attacking and/or Biting, a human.

8. PROCEDURE FOR INCIDENTS OCCURRING INSIDE THE SHOWRING

- 8.1. When a likely Incident occurs **inside** the showing, the Judge must immediately instruct the Ring Steward to excuse the Implicated Dog from the showing, 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.
- 8.5. On instruction of the Show Committee the Show Secretary must, without delay, complete the prescribed form ("**Reporting a Case of Dog Aggression at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event**" - **Annexure "A" hereto**), gathering such evidence in the form of statements, ~~[sworn]~~ or otherwise, as might be available from the Judge, Ring Steward, Owner/Handler and any other witnesses.
- 8.6. It is obligatory for the Show Secretary to request ~~[a sworn]~~ statements from the Judge and the Ring Steward~~[-and for the Judge and the Ring Steward to provide~~

~~such sworn statement on the Show Secretary's request,]~~ if the Incident had taken place in the showing. **A statement from either the Judge or Steward is required, although statements from both parties is preferred.**

- 8.7. It is also obligatory for the Show Secretary to request ~~[a sworn]~~ statements from the Judge and the Ring Steward~~[, and for the Judge and the Ring Steward to provide such sworn statement on the Show Secretary's request,]~~ if the Incident had taken place outside the showing and witnessed by the Judge and Ring Steward. **A statement from either the Judge or Steward is required, although statements from both parties is preferred.**
- 8.8. 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.
- 8.9. In the event of the Implicated Dog being entered at **another** Club's show on the same day, or weekend, the Implicated Dog must be permitted to be exhibited, since that Club's Show Committee has not barred the Implicated Dog from competition and the Executive Committee, or its Chairman, has not as yet issued a TEO for the Implicated Dog.

9. PROCEDURE FOR INCIDENTS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE SHOWRING

- 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.
- 9.6. On instruction of the Show Committee the Show Secretary must, without delay, complete the prescribed form ("**Reporting a Case of Dog Aggression at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event**"- **Annexure "A" hereto**), gathering such evidence as might be available from the Show Manager, Complainant(s), Owner/Handler and any other witnesses.
- 9.7. 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.
- 9.8. In the event of the Implicated Dog being entered at **another** Club's show on the same day, or weekend, the Implicated Dog must be permitted to be exhibited, since that Club's Show Committee has not barred the Implicated Dog from competition and the Executive Committee, or its Chairman, has not as yet issued a TEO for the Implicated Dog.

10. REPORTING OF INCIDENTS TO KUSA

- 10.1. The Show Secretary shall collate all the available evidence, ~~[sworn]~~ statements and written reports relating to an Incident and report the Incident to the Secretary of KUSA within seven (7) days of the close of the Show/Event, accompanied by all the relevant documentation relating to the Incident. **The Secretary of KUSA** ~~[who]~~ shall immediately submit all **documentation** to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- 10.2. In the event of the Show Secretary not being able to collate all the evidence within the seven (7) day period, 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.
- 10.3. **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.**

11. ISSUING OF THE TEO

- 11.1. Once the documents have been scrutinised by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and he/she deems it appropriate in his/her sole and unfettered discretion to issue a preliminary TEO against the Implicated Dog, he shall instruct the Secretary of KUSA accordingly who shall inform the Owner and all Provincial Councils of the imposition of the preliminary TEO.
- 11.2. The preliminary TEO will continue in force until the next meeting of the Executive Committee, where the matter will be tabled and the preliminary TEO **documentation evaluated in terms of complying with the requirements of this Manual and, if it does not, the Executive Committee will inform the Club in writing of any omissions or deficiencies pertaining to the Report. The Club may/shall, within the period of time determined by the Executive Committee, re-submit the Report pertaining to the Incident of Aggression with the required rectifications.**

NOTE: The KUSA Office seeks guidance on the correct word to use in 11.2, last sentence.

- 11.3. ~~{Should not }~~ The Executive Committee, **upon receipt of the final TEO Report and supporting documentation, will confirm, extend or withdraw the preliminary TEO.** ~~{on the documents submitted, concur with the decision of the Chairman of the Executive Committee the preliminary TEO shall remain in force.}~~
- 11.4. The Owner of the Implicated Dog must now be informed of his/her right to make written representations to the Executive Committee to contest the continued imposition of the preliminary TEO, which must reach the Secretary of KUSA at least three (3) days before the next meeting of the Executive Committee, where the matter will be re-considered, taking into account all the further evidence and representations which have come to hand.
- 11.5. Should the fresh evidence and representations cause the Executive Committee to doubt the appropriateness of the preliminary TEO in the particular case, a further investigation into the incident may be lodged and request that the matter be held over for the next meeting of the Executive Committee at which a final decision will be based on all facts, evidence and documents and also taking into account any new information and statements which may have come to light as a result of the investigation.
- 11.6. The preliminary TEO shall remain in force and automatically be extended to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 11.7. Should the Executive Committee at its next meeting, after considering all evidence and representations, uphold its prior view that the preliminary TEO is appropriate, it must confirm the TEO and determine and set the appropriate

procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken and competencies to be attained in order to have the imposed TEO lifted ~~[withdrawn]~~.

- 11.8. The Secretary of KUSA shall be instructed to forward to the Owner of the Implicated Dog a notice informing him/her thereof and, if applicable, of the timeframes set for the appropriate procedures laid down by the Executive Committee to be complied with and/or tests to be taken and competencies to be attained for the TEO to be lifted ~~[withdrawn]~~.
- 11.9. Should the Executive Committee at any time decide to withdraw the preliminary ~~[or confirmed]~~ TEO, or lift the confirmed TEO, the Secretary of KUSA shall, in writing, inform the Owner of the Implicated Dog, the Provincial Councils and Clubs of ~~[the reversal of]~~ the decision.
- 11.10. Should the Executive Committee however be of the opinion that the seriousness of the Incident warrants the Implicated Dog to be permanently barred from entry to, or exhibition at, KUSA-licensed Shows/Events, the matter must be forwarded to the Federal Council to deal with in terms of Schedule 3 Regulations 14.3 & 14.5, or Schedule 3 Regulations 9.3 & 9.4.
- 11.11. The Owner of the Implicated dog must be informed by the Secretary of KUSA that the matter has been forwarded to the Federal Council and that he/she has the right to make written representations to the Federal Council as to why the Implicated dog should not be permanently barred from entering and exhibition at KUSA Shows/Events.

12. REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET IN ORDER FOR A TEO TO BE LIFTED

12.1. General Remarks

- 12.1.1. At every opportunity, the microchip of the Implicated Dog must be checked and entered on all forms and documents and be confirmed in the letters and certificates issued.
- 12.1.2. Should Step 1 be included in the procedure prescribed by the Executive Committee in terms of 11.7 above, the ~~[The]~~ Owner of the Implicated Dog will decide whether to follow one of the three alternatives during the Initial Evaluation Process (Step 1) as provided for under 12.2.1 below, depending on the availability of each in his/her area/province.

12.2. The Evaluation Process

12.2.1. Step 1 – Initial Evaluation

12.2.1.1. Option A:

12.2.1.1.1. The Owner of the Implicated Dog may elect to have the dog examined by a Veterinarian to ensure that the Incident was not caused by illness or an undetected physical impediment.

12.2.1.1.2. If the Veterinarian makes a diagnosis that the Implicated Dog suffered from a causal condition at the time of the Incident, he/she would be required to issue a certificate to confirm his finding and declare that, in his professional opinion, the dog was once more properly socialised and of stable temperament and disposition in conformance with its particular Breed Standard and that the Implicated Dog was safe to be handled when subjected to the CGC testing as contemplated in Step 2.

12.2.1.1.3. The Owner of the Implicated Dog must then report back to the Secretary of KUSA with the Veterinarian's certificate confirming the problem has been solved, who will then contact the Provincial Council Secretary concerned to make arrangements for the Implicated Dog to advance to Step 2, if so ordered by the Executive Committee.

12.2.1.1.4. **Should the Veterinarian find that the Implicated Dog did not suffer from a causal condition at the time of the Incident, the Owner of the Implicated Dog must complete either Option B or Option C as described in 12.2.1.2 and 12.2.1.3 respectively.**

12.2.1.2. Option B:

12.2.1.2.1. As an alternative to obtaining a certificate from a Veterinarian, the Owner of the Implicated Dog may choose to consult a registered Animal Behaviourist in his/her area from the list obtainable [~~from the Animal Behaviour Consultants of SA, or~~] from the SA Board of Companion Animal Professionals, for the Implicated Dog to be tested and undergo therapy and/or a training programme, in order to be properly socialised.

12.2.1.2.2. On the successful completion of the therapy and/or training programme, a certificate must be issued by the Animal Behaviourist to confirm that the Implicated Dog was once

more properly socialised and of stable temperament and disposition in conformance with its particular Breed Standard and that the Implicated Dog was safe to be handled when subjected to the CGC testing as contemplated in Step 2.

- 12.2.1.2.3. The certificate must then be sent to the Secretary of KUSA by the Owner of the Implicated Dog, who will then contact the Provincial Council Secretary concerned to make arrangements for the Implicated Dog to advance to Step 2.

12.2.1.3. Option C:

- 12.2.1.3.1. As an alternative to either of the above two choices, the Owner of the Implicated Dog may opt to enrol the dog in a KUSA-approved Training Club in his/her area, chosen from the list on the KUSA website, to attend a relevant training and/or socialisation course.

- 12.2.1.3.2. On the successful completion of this course, the owner of the Implicated Dog will obtain a letter from the Training Club to confirm that the dog was once more properly socialised and of stable temperament and disposition in conformance with its particular Breed Standard and that it was safe to handle when subjected to the CGC testing as contemplated in Step 2.

- 12.2.1.3.3. The letter must then be sent to the Secretary of KUSA by the owner of the Implicated Dog, who will then contact the Provincial Council Secretary concerned to make arrangements for the Implicated Dog to advance to Step 2.

12.2.1.4. Step 2 – CGC Test

- 12.2.1.4.1. Once the Secretary of KUSA has contacted the relevant Provincial Council Secretary, the latter will inform the Owner of the Implicated Dog that the dog may take the prescribed CGC test.

- 12.2.1.4.2. Should the Implicated Dog already have a CGC certification, it must complete a test one level higher. Should the dog have a Gold certification, it must repeat the Gold test.

12.2.1.4.3. The Provincial Council Secretary shall assist the Owner of the Implicated Dog to be tested by a qualified CGC tester at a time and place convenient for both parties. If the Implicated Dog does not pass the test, the Owner may apply to have the dog re-tested at a later stage.

12.2.1.4.4. On the successful completion of the appropriate CGC test, the Owner of the Implicated Dog must obtain the applicable certificate and provide such certificate to the Provincial Council Secretary.

12.2.1.4.5. The Provincial Council Secretary will then assist the Owner of the Implicated Dog to apply to the Provincial Obedience Sub-Committee or Provincial Breed Sub-Committee, for the dog to proceed to Step 3 and undergo a Judge's Assessment.

12.2.1.5. Step 3 (Breed) – Judge's Assessment Test

12.2.1.5.1. During this Step the Implicated Dog must be assessed by two (2) qualified KUSA Breed Judges for that specific breed in the showing under normal show conditions. This will normally be done just prior to the commencement of a KUSA-licensed Show/Event.

12.2.1.5.2. The Assessment must be organised with any show-holding Club Committee prior to the commencement of a Show/Event. The Owner of the Implicated Dog must make all arrangements pertaining to the Assessment with the Show Manager of the show-holding Club. Two (2) suitably qualified Judges will then be appointed by the Provincial Council concerned and, singly, each Judge will assess the Implicated Dog as though it were being judged in a class under normal show conditions.

12.2.1.5.3. If the Implicated Dog had been involved in an Incident with another dog, this Assessment must be done with two (2) other dogs present in the ring.

12.2.1.5.4. Once this Assessment has been successfully carried out and the Implicated Dog passed by both Judges, the Judges will complete the supplied form ("***Examination of a Dog Implicated in an Incident of Dog Aggression before Re-***

admission to the Showring” – Annexure “B” hereto),
confirming the Implicated Dog’s fitness to return to the
showring.

12.2.1.5.5. The Assessment process is then considered to have been
completed.

12.2.1.5.6. The Secretary of KUSA must then be provided with the letters
and certificates applying to all three (3) Steps and ensure that
all the documentation is placed before the Executive
Committee at its next meeting where the lifting of the TEO will
be considered.

12.2.1.6. Step 3 (Working Disciplines) - Assessing under disciplined conditions

12.2.1.6.1. If the Implicated Dog is involved in any of the Working
Disciplines, a qualified KUSA Obedience C Test Judge will assess
the dog in a ring.

12.2.1.6.2. The Implicated Dog will sit at the side of its Owner, on lead,
and the Judge will call in three (3) different dogs, for which the
Owner of the dog being tested had accepted the safety risk.

12.2.1.6.3. The three (3) dogs will be required to walk past the Implicated
Dog at a distance of two (2) meters, during which process that
Implicated Dog will be expected to ignore the dogs walking
past and stay in a sitting position throughout the exercise.

12.2.1.6.4. On the successful completion of the exercise, the Judge will
complete the supplied form (***“Examination of a Dog
Implicated in an Incident of Dog Aggression before Re-
admission to the Showring”***) confirming the dog’s fitness to
return to the ring.

12.2.1.6.5. The Assessment process is then considered to have been
completed.

12.2.1.6.6. The Secretary of KUSA must then be provided with the letters
and certificates applying to all three (3) Steps and ensure that
all the documentation is placed before the Executive

Committee at its next meeting where the lifting of the TEO will be considered.

13. FINAL CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION BY EXCO

13.1 Upon receipt by the Secretary of KUSA of sufficient proof of compliance with the conditions set by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of any proof provided within the allotted timeframes, the matter must be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and final determination to either withdraw the TEO, or to make a recommendation to the Federal Council to consider barring the Implicated Dog permanently from entry of and exhibition at any and all KUSA-licensed Shows/Events.

14. GENERAL COMMENTS

- 14.1. If the implicated Dog should fail any test required in Step 2 and/or Step 3 of the Evaluation Process, the Owner may apply to the Provincial Council Secretary for a retest at a later stage.
- 14.2. If the Implicated Dog is subsequently involved in a further Incident, it will return to Step 2 of the Evaluation Process and must again complete the next higher CGC test and, if it holds CGC Gold, it must be re-tested at that level and thereafter be re-tested and successfully complete Step 3 of the Evaluation Process again.
- 14.3. If there are any further Incidents involving the Implicated Dog in future, the Executive Committee must, without further delay or tests, request the Federal Council to permanently bar the dog from entry to and exhibition at KUSA-licensed Shows/Events, as provided for in the KUSA Constitution Schedule 3 Regulations 14.3 & 14.5 for Incidents occurring at Championship Shows/Events, and Schedule 4 Regulations 9. 3 & 9.4 for Incidents occurring at KUSA-licensed Non-championship Shows/Events subject to compliance with the procedure as provided for in Clause 11.11 hereof.
- 14.4. Before commencing with the procedures as stipulated in paragraph 12.2 – The Evaluation Process, the Owner of the Implicated Dog must sign an indemnity document (***“Indemnity by Owners of KUSA-registered Dogs that have been issued with a Temporary Exclusion Order” – Annexure “C” hereto***) stating that, should the Implicated Dog bite and/or cause injury or loss to any person or property at any stage of the testing process, he/she will be responsible for any medical, legal and other costs resulting from such Incident and forward such

original signed indemnity document to the Secretary of KUSA.

- 14.5. The Owner of any Implicated Dog, which has been issued with a confirmed TEO, has a maximum period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of the TEO (the date the TEO was confirmed by the Executive Committee) to successfully complete the requirements as provided for in Step 1, 2 and 3 of this Manual, failing which, the Executive Committee will apply to the Federal Council to have the Implicated Dog permanently barred from entry to and exhibition at any future KUSA-licensed Shows/Events subject to compliance with the procedure as provided for in Clause 11.11 hereof.
- 14.6. In consequence of any decision reached under the provisions of Schedule 3 Regulation 14 and Schedule 4 Regulation 9 of the KUSA Constitution, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to publish, on the Kennel Union's official website and Facebook pages, full details of the TEO or final barring of the Implicated Dog by the Federal Council and shall be entitled to circulate this information to Affiliated Clubs and Provincial Councils.

15. ANNEXURES TO THIS MANUAL

- 15.1. Annexure "A" – ***Reporting a Case of Dog Aggression at a KUSA-licensed Show/Event***
- 15.2. Annexure "B" - ***Examination of a Dog Implicated in an Incident of Dog Aggression before Re-admission to the Showing.***
- 15.3. Annexure "C" - ***Indemnity by Owners of KUSA-registered Dogs that have been issued with a Temporary Exclusion Order.***

NOTE: All three the above-mentioned forms are available on the KUSA website.