

# WILTJA DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB INC

Incorporation No. A0023144Z

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### WILTJA IS TAKEN FROM AN ABORIGINAL WORD MEANING "LITTLE WILD DOG"

*IF YOU WANT AN OBEDIENT DOG WE CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE IT*

### WELCOME TO OUR CLUB

There are some very important aspects of which you should be made aware . We want you to appreciate that the Club is a non-profit Organisation, conducted entirely by our Voluntary Officers, Committee and Instructors, giving freely of their time and knowledge to assist **YOU**. For this reason **YOU** have certain obligations to fulfil in fairness to these people who expect nothing in return, other than your full co-operation in a genuine and dedicated effort to succeed, and your appreciation of the time and effort which they are devoting to you.

### ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS

ADULT MEMBERS, 16 years and over, capable of undertaking instructions and physically able to control the dog in their charge and to apply training methods, i.e. brisk walking and turning, bending and right and left arm actions etc.

JUNIOR MEMBERS, 12 to 16 years, capable of understanding instructions and physically able to control the dog in their charge, i.e. Junior membership cannot be given to a child with a dog that is too large or boisterous or has aggressive tendencies towards other dogs or people.

### ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS

Any breed or cross breed (except Pit Bulls) which have had final vaccination against DISTEMPER, HEPATITIS AND PARVO VIRUS and is not suffering from RINGWORM, DEMODECTIC or SARCOFFIC MANGE. No dog is too old to be trained, providing it is not suffering any physical disability. Most breed or crossbreed is trainable, although some breeds and individual dogs are more difficult and require more time, patience and understanding.

The Club in its absolute discretion reserves the right to refuse membership to, or terminate the membership of owners of aggressive dogs or breeds or to require a dog to be muzzled whilst on the Club's grounds.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

|                       | <b>Joining Fee</b> | <b>Annual Subscription</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| SINGLE                | \$45.00            | \$36.00                    | \$81.00      |
| DUAL (Same Residence) | \$70.00            | \$50.00                    | \$120.00     |
| TRIPLE                | \$95.00            | \$60.00                    | \$155.00     |
| JUNIOR (UNDER 16)     | \$30.00            | \$24.00                    | \$54.00      |

Annual Subscription is a monthly pro rata fee.

### RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Renewal of membership is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, at which time you will be charged ONLY the Annual Subscription Fee to renew your membership to the Club. For new membership or renewal of membership, the current Vaccination Card for your dog must be produced before we can give you membership to the Club.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FEES MUST BE PAID BEFORE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF MEMBERSHIP

## **HOW THE CLUB WORKS**

The Club conducts training every Sunday from 9.00am to 11.30am (except for Easter and Xmas breaks as notified)

The Club trains people. We could not undertake to train member's dogs for them on a Sunday. It would simply not work. The reason being that the training of any animal is a daily chore.

(Recommended training periods are 10-15 minutes morning and night, but at least daily)

Training of dogs is a STEADY PROCESS no matter how intelligent you think yours is, it will require PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE and DEDICATION over a period of time under the guidance of your Instructor.

## **COMMENCING TRAINING**

To begin training, your dog will require a correction collar and a leather lead about 75cm long with a snap catch.

**Do not attempt to train your dog in exercises you observe in other classes.**

Each week your Instructor will observe your progress and correct any errors. Only when YOU and YOUR DOG are ready will you be passed to the next class and be presented with your ribbon for passing that Class.

YOUR TIME IN EACH CLASS DEPENDS ON THESE THREE FACTORS:-

1. The regularity of your daily training.
2. Your ability as a handler to teach your dog.
3. Your dog's response to training. It is normal for puppies or excitable dogs to progress slowly, but this is unimportant. It is the end result that counts.

## **HOUSE RULES AND MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS**

Every Club requires its members to observe rules and conditions. Ours are not demanding and are based on common sense and courtesy. Members should be aware that some dogs in some situations can be dangerous.

1. All members must wear their current Membership Card when attending classes.
2. Members must listen to and obey the Instructor at all times.
3. Bitches in season or sick/injured dogs are not allowed on the training ground.
4. Dogs must be on lead at all times whilst on the training ground, except when engaged in "off lead" exercises in Class.
5. Members should only engage in "off- lead" exercises:-
  - a. they willingly exercise the option of off lead work
  - b. if they are confident in their ability properly to control their dog
6. The Club does not recommend that members EVER allow their dogs 'off-lead' in public places unless:-
  - a. they are confident in their ability properly to control their dog **and**
  - b. they are in a public place where dogs are expressly allowed to be "off-lead" at that time
7. A dog that has bitten another dog or person, or that shows undue aggression or unusual behaviour, must immediately be reported to the Instructor, or a Committee member of the Club who is present.
8. Dog droppings must be picked up and placed in the buckets IMMEDIATELY by handlers, with the equipment provided.

9. Children 12 years and under must have adult supervision at all times whilst on the training ground and at the toilets.
10. Smoking is not permitted in class.
11. Members must use only correction collars or Halti's on their dogs whilst on the training ground. Any other device or equipment must first be approved by the Director of Training.
12. Members should exercise care when walking over the Club's grounds as the ground can be uneven.
13. (a) The member hereby forever releases, discharges, indemnifies and holds harmless the Club and each of its Officers, Committee Members and Instructors for any loss or damage suffered by them or their dog by reason of:
  - i. negligence
  - ii. breach of contract
  - iii. liability as an occupier, or
  - iv. breach of any duty, term, condition or warranty arising under, or implied by, statute or the common law.

On the part of the Club and/or any of its Officers, Committee Members and Instructors (the "**liability**") which liability arises out of, results from or is in any way connected to, directly or indirectly, any act, omission, neglect, default or incident which:

- A. occurs at any class or function of the Club; and/or
  - B. relates to the Club's position as licensee of its grounds
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, the member acknowledges and agrees that the exclusion and/or limitation of liability contained in this rule extends to and protects the Club's Officers, Committee Members and Instructors. For the purposes of this rule the Club shall be deemed to be acting as an agent or trustee on behalf of, and for the benefit of, all persons who are or might be its Officers, Committee Members and Instructors from time to time and all such persons shall be deemed to be parties to the agreement evidenced by this rule.
- (c) Any liability of the Club or its Officers, Committee Members and Instructors to a member which is not excluded by this rule shall not in any event (whether the liability arises from the negligence or otherwise) exceed \$500.00.
- (d) This rule does not purport to exclude, restrict or modify liability on the part of the Club in contravention of s. 68 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) or any other section of an applicable statute which prohibits the exclusion, restriction or modification of any of its provisions.
- (e) Any provision of this rule that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction is ineffective to the extent of the prohibition or unenforceability only and that does not invalidate the remaining provisions of this rule.
- (f) The member acknowledges and agrees that any rule of construction under applicable law to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this rule.

## TRAINING GUIDE & CLASS EXERCISES

Teaching your dog to respond to your commands is fun and rewarding. However it does take dedication on your part – **Patience Persistence and Perseverance**. Your dog will learn by repetition and by how you learn to communicate with it using your tone of voice. The three basic tones being – **Praise Reprimand and Command**. You will be taught these tones from the first day you begin training your dog at our Club. Only 5 –10 minutes a day is needed to train your dog and if at any stage you become frustrated in the progress, it is best to stop the session and commence again later or the next day. Always end each session on a positive, so you can praise your dog for something well done. Include some playtime either in between or after each training session.

**Tones of Voice** should be practised on you own so as to be instinctively used. Explanation of tones will be given to you by your Instructor in Introductory Classes

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| <b>PRAISE</b> .....    | High pitch happy tone                                |
| <b>REPRIMAND</b> ..... | Low deep growl tone (do not shout when reprimanding) |
| <b>COMMAND</b> .....   | Middle range - Authoritative tone                    |

### YOU SHOULD ONLY PRACTICE THOSE EXERCISES AT YOUR OWN CLASS LEVEL

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Heel on lead with guidance &amp; encouragement</li> <li>▪ Sit at heel with guidance</li> <li>▪ Right about 180 deg. turn</li> <li>▪ Left and right 90 deg. Turns</li> <li>▪ Basic stand exercise with guidance</li> <li>▪ Sit for examination – human socialisation</li> <li>▪ Basic sit stay on lead – handler close in front and stepping side to side. Approx. 1 min.</li> <li>▪ Drop exercise from sit – treats allowed initially to encourage dog</li> <li>▪ Start of recall – on lead</li> <li>▪ Dog Socialisation</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All returns are back to dog's side</b></p>  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Class 1 exercises, with dog responding more readily to heelwork and commands</u></li> <li>▪ Left about turn</li> <li>▪ Slow pace heelwork</li> <li>▪ Stand Stay to end of lead.</li> <li>▪ Down from sit with command &amp; hand signal</li> <li>▪ Sit Stay on lead – 3 to 5 mtrs for 1 min.</li> <li>▪ Down Stay on lead – 3 to 5 mtrs for 1min.</li> <li>▪ Stand for examination to end of lead – minor movement allowed</li> <li>▪ Recall on 3mtr lead from sit stay</li> <li>▪ Sit at heel with less guidance</li> <li>▪ Drop from Heel</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All returns are back to dog's side</b></p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Dog to heel with less correction and guidance. Lead held left hand over right. More consistency with Class 2 exercises</u></li> <li>▪ Sit at heel on one command when handler stops.</li> <li>▪ Sit and down stay to 5mtrs off lead for 1min.</li> <li>▪ Recall on and off lead to 5mtrs. Dog to take up sit position in front of handler. <b>Off lead is Optional</b></li> <li>▪ Stand stay to end of lead for 1 min.</li> <li>▪ Fast and slow pace heelwork.</li> <li>▪ Stand for examination to end of lead – no movement allowed</li> <li>▪ Finish to heel exercise – done separate to recall exercise. Quick response, minimal guidance.</li> <li>▪ Figure of eight heeling exercise</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All returns by handlers are behind dog to the heel position</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>All heelwork on loose lead held in left hand. Heel command allowed only when starting an exercise or after a stop. No heel commands when executing turns.</u></li> <li>▪ Automatic Sit</li> <li>▪ Offlead work (<b>optional</b>)</li> <li>▪ Sit and down stay 3 mins. with distractions</li> <li>▪ Stand stay to 6 mtrs for 1 min.</li> <li>▪ Stand for examination at 6 mtrs</li> <li>▪ Sit stay out of sight for 1 min.</li> <li>▪ Down stay out of sight for 3 min.</li> <li>▪ Drop, sit and stand hand signals at 6 mtrs.</li> <li>▪ Recall from 30 mtrs.</li> <li>▪ Recall from free walking off lead (optional)</li> <li>▪ Drop at random</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All returns by handlers are behind dog to the heel position</b></p> |

## MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTION

Pursuant to new Legislation introduced on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 to the Domestic Animals Act 1994, Wiltja Dog Obedience Club inc. due to our Insurers Liability Exclusion, will not accept membership and enrollment of the following Restricted Dogs as per section 3(1) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

A Restricted Breed Dog (RBD) is a dog that is any one of the following breeds:-

- American Pit Bull Terrier (or Pit Bull Terrier)
- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- Perro de Presa Canario (or Presa Canario)

Under section 3(3) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 a dog that falls within this approved standard for a breed of dog specified above is to be taken to be a dog of that breed.

The Club will also refuse enrolment and membership to a dog that has been declared, under the Domestic Animals Act 1994:-

- Dangerous dog declared due to attack
- Attack trained dog
- Guard dog, or
- Declared menacing dog

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INCORPORATED A0023144Z

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

>> **MEMBERSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE OR REFUNDABLE** <<

### OFFICE USE ONLY

SINGLE M/SHIP     DUAL M/SHIP     JUNIOR M/SHIP     TRIPLE M/SHIP    Receipt Number.....

NEW MEMBER:     RENEWAL:     CURRENT VACCINATION:

First Name: (Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss) .....

Surname: .....

Address: .....

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Post Code: ..... Phone: .....

Email Address .....

Occupation: .....  Yes I wish to receive the Club Newsletter via email

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Breed of Dog: .....

Dog:     Bitch:     Pet Name: .....

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Dog:     Bitch:     Pet Name: .....

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Date of Birth of Children: ..... (If Junior member is Under 16 years)

How did you find out about our Club?

LOCAL VET     YELLOW PAGES     INTERNET

CLUB MEMBER     COUNCIL     OTHER .....

I have read the attached terms and conditions, including the 'House Rules and Membership Conditions' and agree to be bound by them. I also agree to be bound by the rules of the Club ( a copy of the rules is available upon request)

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Signature

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Date