



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (AMP)

For Exhibitors, Sponsors & Feature Participants
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Pet Projects International Pty Ltd (PPI) as the Organiser of the Dog Lovers Festival (DLF), along with the Venue are committed to providing an environment that is safe and healthy for the venue, event staff, contractors, members of the public, exhibitors, and their animals. The Organisers (PPI) do not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage, financial or otherwise, resulting from any incident (including injury to persons or animals) arising from any animal interactions during the DLF.

It is a mandatory requirement that all persons bringing dogs to the Festival, must read, fully understand and agree to the Animal Management Plan and Dog Handlers Responsibilities & Obligations (DHRO) or entry will be refused. DLF will be uncompromising in enforcing the conditions and rules outlined in the AMP & DHRO. It is your responsibility to ensure that all staff on your stand have read and understand the DHRO and comply with it at all times during the Festival.

If your dog does not cope in stressful situations or you do not know if the dog you are bringing to the event is capable of coping, it must not attend.

Animal Welfare Officers

DLF will have Animal Welfare Officers and WHS personnel patrolling the event at all times to monitor the condition of all dogs on-site and to ensure that all conditions of the Animal Management Plan are always being adhered to. In the event of an issue being identified the Person in Effective Control will be consulted. DLF reserves the right and full authority to demand the immediate removal of any dog from the event if it considers that the dog is showing any ongoing signs of stress and aggressive behaviour or is believed to be suffering any negative effects from its presence at the event.

The owner/handler who completes the Dog Registration will be deemed as the competent person in effective control of the dog they register. The *competent person in effective control* is required to fully supervise any interactions between any persons or other dogs, and their dog. This primary rule is set to avoid injury or distress to dogs or people.

Vaccination

It is a condition of participation that all dogs must be currently registered, vaccinated, microchipped and wearing their council-issued identification tag.

All dog owners are required to ensure that prior to entry to the event, their dog has received all recommended vaccinations so that dogs brought to the DLF are safe interacting with other dogs. Proof is provided when vaccinations are done and should be onsite with your dog. DLF advises all handlers/owners to ensure their dog has received recent worming and flea treatments.

Puppies under 12 weeks

The 12-week vaccination dictates whether a puppy is considered safe to interact with other dogs. Therefore, no puppy under 12 weeks of age that is not fully vaccinated or that hasn't been microchipped should be at the DLF as it is considered to be a health risk. If puppies without their final 12-week vaccination or that are not microchipped are found at the DLF they will need to be isolated from all interactions or removed from the DLF. Handlers of dogs that are not fully vaccinated are expected to have zero interaction with other dogs. DLF reserves the right to scan puppies if proof of vaccination is not available.

Female dogs that are in season or expecting to come into season are not to be brought into the venue or event under any circumstances and should a dog unexpectedly come into season during the event then the dog must be removed from the venue immediately.

Dog Registration and yellow ID tags

Upon completion of the Dog Registration and acknowledgement of the AMP and DHRO, you will be emailed a yellow dog registration tag. This tag must be fixed to your dog's collar prior to arrival at the Festival and must remain on your dog at all times and on all days of the Festival. This yellow tag identifies to security and event staff that you have acknowledged the AMP & DHRO and will ensure a smooth entry into the Festival. If you do not have access to a coloured printer or your tag breaks, there are secure plastic tags available from the Dog Registration Booth at the entrance to the Festival or from the Information Booth inside the Festival. Simply produce your Confirmation email to obtain a replacement tag.