

## **SDRQ Inc. Aggressive Dog Policy**

This document aims to promote and enforce professional musher behaviour at sled dog races.

In the document **Aggressive Dog** refers to any dog that is found to be aggressive. Aggression includes an unprovoked attack toward other mushers, dog/s, spectators or officials.

### **Aggressive Dog Procedure**

1. A complaint is made in writing within an hour of the incident to the SDRQ Inc. Committee or the Race Marshall at a SDRQ Inc. affiliated race, reporting the aggressive dog behaviour. If a Race Marshall is present they will be invited to make comment but this is not essential. The complaint must identify the musher/s and dog/s involved, the event date, time and the circumstances and any witnesses.
2. The owner/musher of the dog the complaint is made against will be notified of the complaint and will be asked if there are any extenuating circumstances.
3. If the owner/ musher does not provide adequate justification of their dog's behaviours, SDRQ Inc. may issue them a "First Written Warning". The name of their dog will then be registered in the Aggressive Dog Register as "Received First Written Warning". A Tribunal made up of the SDRQ Inc. Executive committee, the Race Marshall and any Musher Delegate of the event, will make this decision.
4. In the event the same dog is reported at another SDRQ Inc. affiliated event, procedures 1 through 3 will be followed again except that the dog will receive a "Second Written Warning" and will be then listed in the Aggressive Dog Register as having "Received Second Written Warning".
5. The owner/musher may choose to appeal this decision. See "Right of Appeal".
6. If two written notices are received, the dog involved may be refused entry to SDRQ Inc. races or events.
7. After 6 months have passed from the last written complaint, the musher is entitled to make a submission to SDRQ Inc. showing just-cause for entry to future events.

### **Right of appeal**

1. After receiving a second written warning, the owner of the aggressive dog is entitled to appeal the decision by writing to SDRQ Inc. and setting out the grounds for appeal.
2. SDRQ Inc. will hold a meeting in Queensland at a time nominated by SDRQ Inc. The "Tribunal" made up of the SDRQ Inc. Executive Committee, the Race Marshall and any Musher Delegate of the event will attend the meeting.
3. The Tribunal may seek further information from any party and adjourn the appeal if necessary.
4. If it is proven that the aggressive dog no longer displays aggressive behaviour towards mushers, dog/s, spectators or officials, then their name shall be removed from the register and they will be able to attend SDRQ Inc. events freely.

**NB:** The SDRQ Inc. register will be freely available to other sled dog racing organizations, however it is at their discretion how the information is used and SDRQ Inc. will not interfere with the individual decision of the race giving organization.

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**Written Aggressive Dog Complaint**

I (full name) \_\_\_\_\_ wish to register a written complaint of an aggressive dog (name of dog)\_\_\_\_\_ owned by \_\_\_\_\_ at the SDRQ Inc. event held on (event date)\_\_\_\_\_ at (time)\_\_\_\_\_.

Please list any witnesses:

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Please describe in full detail the incident that occurred:

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By signing this document you declare that this is a truthful recollection of the events that occurred.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_