

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION GUIDELINES

GREATER VICTORIA DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB

The Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club (GVDOTC) is incorporated as BC Society Number S0004337. We are an all-breed and mixed-breed dog training club. We are licensed by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) and are a member of the Association of Island Obedience Clubs (AIOC). Our club is a 100% volunteer organization.

We offer Obedience and Rally Obedience dog training and trials. This document refers to training only.

We train in the RCMP Barn, a 1207 square metre building at the Saanich Fairgrounds (operated by the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society).

The Fairgrounds are located at 1528 Stellys X Road, Saanichton, BC V8M 1S8.

1. UNDERSTANDING THE RISK

a) Monitor and Review Public Health Information

Representatives from the GVDOTC Executive will be responsible for reviewing relevant protocols on WorksafeBC.com, from the Provincial Health Officer and the BCCDC, the Government of Canada, the Canadian Kennel Club, and the Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines of similar dog training groups. (See Appendix A, page 3)

b) Risk Assessment of Training Facility

We have reviewed our procedures and identified areas of risk: Namely, person to person transmission and surface transmission.

Where people gather:

- parking area, entry doors, washrooms, near training rings

When people are close to each other:

- moving and setting up jumps, posts, chairs, rally courses, and
- instructors dealing one-on-one with students and their dogs

Shared equipment:

- chairs, jumps

Surfaces often touched:

- external door handles, tables and chairs
- jumps, rally signs, and cones,
- washroom doors, toilets, faucets

2. IMPLEMENT MEASURES, PRACTICES, AND POLICIES TO REDUCE THE RISK

a) Personal Health

- Each person must provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 (BC Vaccine Passport) before being allowed to participate in classes.
- We will maintain a register of all students and Club members in attendance each day.
- Each person will conduct a personal health check before entering the site.
- No person will be allowed to attend classes as a student or staff member if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, or have been told to self-isolate, or have been in contact with anyone exhibiting symptoms in the previous two weeks.
- Any person who starts to feel ill during class will be asked to leave. The names of those in close contact with the person will be recorded. Any surfaces touched by the person will be sanitized.
- All Club members and students will have current copies of our Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines.

b) Measures to Reduce Risk

- Only students taking a class, a designated second handler for a dog, and members of the Training Committee and Executive should be in the building. However, if a student brings a person other than a designated second handler, that person must provide proof of vaccination and follow all GVDOTC guidelines.
- Currently Provincial and Fairgrounds Regulations allow up to 50 people in the RCMP Barn at any one time.
- All people will maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from each other, except for emergencies or staff members handling student's dogs. Training staff may only handle student's dogs in the case of restraining for a recall, or in an emergency. Hands should be sanitized after doing so.
- Classes will be held in defined training spaces (rings). These rings will be a minimum of 176 square metres in size, allowing a minimum of 17 square metres per person. Students and trainers will have plenty of room to work while still maintaining a minimum physical distance of two metres from each other.
- There will be no drinks or snacks available. Students and staff may bring their own for personal consumption and must maintain at least two metres physical distance while eating and drinking.

c) Personal Protective Equipment

- As an extra precaution, we will require all people to wear masks or face shields while inside the building.
- Limited quantities of disposable gloves and masks will be available.
- Trainers may remove their masks when speaking to their class but must maintain a physical distance of at least two metres.
- Masks may be temporarily removed while drinking or eating, but a physical distance of two metres is required between people.

d) Cleaning Protocols

- Before each class, all touch points will be sprayed with sanitizer. This includes door handles, table-tops, chairs (limited number available), and washroom touch points.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for all students and staff members.
- Hands must be washed or sanitized before handling club equipment. Disposable gloves may also be worn but must also be sanitized before contacting equipment.

3. COMMUNICATE MEASURES, PRACTICES, AND POLICIES

- We will share our Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines with all club members and students.
- The Club's Executive and Training Committee will be thoroughly familiar with the Guidelines and be prepared to answer any questions arising.
- The Guidelines will be posted in the RCMP Barn and on our Website (www.gvdotc.com).

4. MONITOR FACILITY and PROCEDURES

Members of the GVDOTC Executive will review our facility and training procedures weekly and update our Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines as needed.

APPENDIX A

Documents reviewed in preparation of the GVDOTC Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines:

- a) WorkSafeBC: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/books-guides/communicable-disease-prevention-guide-employers?lang=en>
- b) Orders, Notices and Guidance of the Provincial Health Officer: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions>
- c) Government of Canada: Reducing COVID-19 Risk in Community Settings. https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/health-professionals/mass-gatherings-risk-assesment.html?mc_cid=35028cb6a0&mc_eid=067af733e9
- d) Canadian Kennel Club: COVID-19 Updates. <https://www.ckc.ca/en/About-The-Canadian-Kennel-Club/COVID-19-Updates-from-the-Canadian-Kennel-Club>

APPENDIX B

Diagram of interior layout (not to scale):

