

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION GUIDELINES: TRIALS

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 trials 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, and the Canadian Kennel Club. (See Appendix A, page 3)

b) Risk Assessment of Facility (RCMP Barn)

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 trial rings

When people are close to each other:

- moving and setting up jumps, posts, chairs, rally courses,
- lining up at the registration desk and waiting to go into the ring, and
- in the ring with judge and stewards

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 remain in the RCMP Barn.
- We will maintain a register of all people in attendance at trials.
- Each person will conduct a personal health check before entering the Barn.
- No person will be allowed to enter the Barn if they are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness, 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 the trial 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 trial participants will be sent a current copy of our Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines and a paper copy will be available on site.

b) Measures to Reduce Risk

- It is preferred that only volunteers, judges, and handlers be in the building. However, a limited number of spectators will be allowed but 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.
- There will be no drinks or snacks available (stores and restaurants are close by). People may bring their own drinks and food but must maintain at least two metres physical distance while eating and drinking.

c) Personal Protective Equipment

- We require all people to wear masks or face shields while inside the building.
- Limited quantities of disposable gloves and masks will be available.
- Judges may remove their masks when speaking to handlers or stewards 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

- All touch points will be regularly sprayed with sanitizer. This includes door handles, table-tops, chairs, and in washrooms.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for all people in the building.
- 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, volunteers, and dog handlers entered in our trials.
- The Club's Executive and trial volunteers 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 trialing procedures before each trial day and update our Communicable Disease Prevention Guidelines as needed.

APPENDIX A

Documents reviewed in preparation of the GVDOTC Trials 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):

