



Kennel Union of Southern Africa

## EXCLUSION OF DOGS FROM EXHIBITION DUE TO AGGRESSION

In the case of a dog aggression incident having taken place at a KUSA Show, the following procedure is to be followed as described in Schedule 3 Regulations 14 and 19.

(Note the same procedure also appears in Schedule 4 Regulations & 14.8)

### Regulation 14 – Exclusion of dogs

A Show Committee will have the power to exclude, refuse or remove any dog which is, owing to disease, **savage disposition**, or any other cause, not in a fit state for exhibition at a specific Show. Once a dog has been excluded or refused admission or has been removed from the precincts of a Show because of disease, **savage disposition** or any other cause, it will not be brought into the Show at any time or under any circumstances. The Show Secretary, on behalf of the Show Committee, shall submit to the Secretary within **seven (7) days of the close of the Show** a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident.

### Regulation 19.8 – in the event of a dog attacking /showing aggression to the Judge:

If a dog attacks a Judge or shows aggression towards a Judge, it must be immediately excused from the Ring and **the Judge must immediately report the occurrence to the Show Manager**. The Show Manager will then cause the dog to be withdrawn from all further competition in the Show. The Show secretary shall then **send a written report to the Secretary of KUSA** in accordance with Regulation 14 above;

**The written report submitted to the KUSA Secretary must be submitted within 7 days of the close of the Show:-**

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### Complete the form and ensure that the following is included:-

Confirmation that the dog was removed from the Show.

An account of what happened.

Sworn statements from owner/handler and witness(es)

A copy of the relevant page from the Show Catalogue.

A copy of the Judges Sheet.

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**of the Show** a written report supported by sworn statements of any witnesses and all other evidence available to the Show Committee at the time of the incident.

14.1 On the receipt of a written report from a Show Committee, which has refused or excluded or removed any dog from the precincts of a Show, the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall, at his discretion, be entitled to temporarily order the exclusion of such dog from further entry to or exhibition at any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations, such temporary order to continue in force until the next meeting of the Executive Committee who shall, at such meeting, deal with the matter in accordance with the provisions of 14.3 hereunder.

14.2 The KUSA Secretary shall on the making of an order by the Chairman of the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 14.1 above, forward to the owner of the dog and all Provincial Councils, a copy of the temporary exclusion order and further inform such owner that he is entitled to submit a written representation supported by sworn statement/s of any witness/ es and any other applicable evidence in this regard to reach the Secretary on a date which shall be not less than three (3) days before the date of the proposed next meeting of the Executive Committee.

14.3 The Executive Committee shall consider the report and supporting evidence of the Show Secretary as well as the written representation and supporting evidence of the owner of the dog, if any, and may order a further investigation into the incident before making a determination, or proceed and confirm the temporary exclusion of the dog and determine at its discretion any appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken in order to have the exclusion withdrawn, or withdraw the imposed temporary exclusion or, after due consideration, recommend to the Federal Council that the dog is not fit for exhibition and request that the dog be permanently excluded from exhibition. The determination of the Executive Committee of what constitutes 'appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken' as well as the timeframes set therefor, for the purpose of these Regulations, shall be final and binding.

14.4 The KUSA Secretary shall, on the making of any decision, determination and/or recommendation by the Executive Committee as provided for in Regulation 14.3 above, forward to the owner of the dog a notice informing him thereof and, if applicable, of the timeframes set for the appropriate procedures to be complied with and/or tests to be taken. Upon receipt by the KUSA Secretary of sufficient proof of compliance with the conditions set by the Executive Committee, or in the absence of any proof provided within the allotted timeframe, the matter must be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration and final determination to either withdraw the temporary exclusion, or to make a recommendation to the Federal Council as provided for in Regulation 14.5 hereunder.

14.5 If, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, a dog is not fit for exhibition, the Federal Council shall be empowered to permanently exclude such dog from entry to, or exhibition at, any Show held under Kennel Union Regulations.

14.6 In consequence of any decision reached under the provisions of Regulation 14, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to publish, on the Kennel Union's official website and Facebook pages, full details thereof and shall have the power to circulate this information to Affiliated Clubs and Provincial Councils.

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