



Gold Coast Archery Club Inc.

Animal/Pet Policy

Purpose

The aim of this document is to provide a set of minimum safety standards that allows the sport of Archery to be practised in a safe and professional manner by Gold Coast Archery Club Inc.

Archery safety is a matter of exercising common sense, good judgement, and courtesy.

All members are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others.

All members should read, understand, and abide by this Safety Animal Policy.

Terms and Definitions

Field of Play

The area designated as the venue where archery is practiced may also be referred to as the range.

Field Course

A series of targets located throughout a bushland setting that is numbered sequentially starting from target 1.

Member

Any financial member (affiliate) of Archery Australia, Full Member, Temporary member, Associate Member, or Life Member.

Animal

Any Animal/pet that a member brings to the Club or Field (Range).

1. The animal/pet must be always kept under the strict control of the owner, it must be on a leash.
2. The animal's leash must be pegged to the ground by some suitable means.
3. The animal cannot encroach into any safety barrier area around the range or onto the range.
4. The animal's leash may also fix around a post on the fence between the clubhouse and the range. If this method of control is used the animal cannot be leashed to an end pole between the openings, therefore creating a trip hazard for members passing through any openings in the fence.
5. If the animal's leash is fixed to the ground behind the range's safety buffer zone, the animal must be restricted from entering the safety buffer zone.
6. The owner must give regards to the animal's wellbeing regarding shade and water.
7. The owner also must consider other members who are trying to concentrate. Therefore, if the animal becomes a nuisance in relationship to noise, the owner must completely remove the animal from the Club. A definition of nuisance noise would be continual barking or whimpering and so on.
8. The owner also accepts total responsibility for any damage done by the animal to any club equipment, or any other club member's equipment, if they at any point in time decide to bring an animal to the club.
9. **The owner also accepts full responsibility that they are legally bound to replace/reimburse the full cost for any damaged equipment, or any personal injury suffered by any member.**
10. The owner also accepts and indemnifies any member of the club and the Gold Coast archery club for any costs, if the animal is accidentally wounded or killed, due to the owner's failure to always keep the animal under their strict control.