



At Waikato Canine Obedience Club, we are committed to offering the public obedience classes while ensuring we are keeping ourselves and our members safe throughout this pandemic. This plan will be in effect at any NZ Covid alert level.

#### **Firstly:**

- Anyone feeling unwell needs to make contact with the club and stay away from training until symptoms are cleared or a negative Covid test can be produced.
- No spectators. Under COVID alert level 2 or higher we do not allow any spectators on the grounds. We ask that anybody not training a dog to please stay at home.
- No public access to the clubrooms.
- Access to the toilets is restricted to training handlers only. Antibacterial soap and paper towels will be supplied.
- Good hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette to be practiced at all times.
- No drink station will be available during any Covid alert level.
- No access to the training field prior to 6pm.

#### **Beginning of evening**

- **Everybody** coming onto the grounds **must scan** the displayed QR code on their NZ Covid Tracer App. A manual register will also be available for anyone who needs it.
- After scanning your QR code, handlers are to sign-in to their class and use the provided hand sanitiser prior to going on the field.
- Surfaces, like benches, door handles as well as the toilets will be cleaned and sanitised before the evening commences and at any other time that may be needed throughout. Paper towels will be supplied in the toilet for drying their hands. Hand sanitiser will also be available throughout the grounds for use during training if required.

### **During the evening**

- Handlers and Instructors are to wash and/or sanitise their hands before and after being on the field, sanitising stations will be set up in each class.
- To minimise handling of equipment, each handler needs to provide their own equipment.
- During alert level 2 or higher handlers must maintain a safe social distance of about 2m between each other. This may be marked by cones.
- Instructors will endeavour to remain as hands-off as possible, but certain elements of our method may require some hands-on assistance. Each instructor will carry small bottles of sanitiser on them and use when/if they touch your dog.
- Instructors may need to move into “your 2m bubble” in order to help with a hands-on technique. If this is required, we will take your dog and move out of your bubble but still within close proximity to you. Instructors will not likely be wearing masks as this can create negative body language for the dogs.
- Handlers must bring their own treat food. (Bring more food than you think and leave it on the sideline).
- No interaction with any dog/s before, during or after class even if you know them to minimise any contact between the handlers.
- Masks are not required unless you wish.

### **End of the evening**

- All surfaces used or touched throughout the evening will be sanitised at the end of the night. This will include benches, door knobs, light switches, alarm and locks on the doors.
- Single use paper towels for hand washing and all rubbish is removed at the end of the night, hand basin and toilet will be cleaned and sanitised at the end of the evening.