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## **Adelaide Sportdog Club Inc.**

# **Mission Statement**

### **Our Mission**

- We must be an example of responsible dog owners specialising in sport and working dogs
- Through the training and testing of our dogs and ourselves we aim to create a framework for the ongoing development of dogsports, and the promotion of dogsports as a safe, competitive and enjoyable sport within Australia.
- Through dogsports we will promote the training and breeding of sound, stable sport and working dogs that are a credit to the community, and are capable not only of meeting the needs of the dogsports community but also the professional working dog community.
- We shall endeavour to assist any members of the community that own working breeds (many of whom are not adequately being catered for by other dog clubs within the community), thereby promoting responsible dog ownership within the community.
- We shall always aim to improve our standards of training and our knowledge base, and ensure that our methods remain relevant not just within our community but also within the international dogsport community.

- We shall promote positive motivational methodologies and their application to the sport and working dog community.

## **Our Duty of Care**

Our club understands and promotes the concepts of "Duty of Care" and the principles that our activities at all times have to capacity to reflect not just on ourselves or our club, but also the sports acceptance nationally.

Our duty of care is in three areas, to our animals, each other and to the general public.

- By ensuring that we are responsible dog owners and ensure to the best of our abilities that we can affect control of our animals at all times.
- By ensuring that we as trainers never train a dog beyond the capabilities of a handler to affect control over their dog.
- By using methods that promote and protect the mental and physical welfare of our animals.
- By avoiding the training of animals that are unsuitable themselves, or whose handler is not yet capable of maintaining effective control.
- By acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses and being prepared to acknowledge the advice of others.