

GUERNSEY RUGBY ACADEMY



DOG POLICY

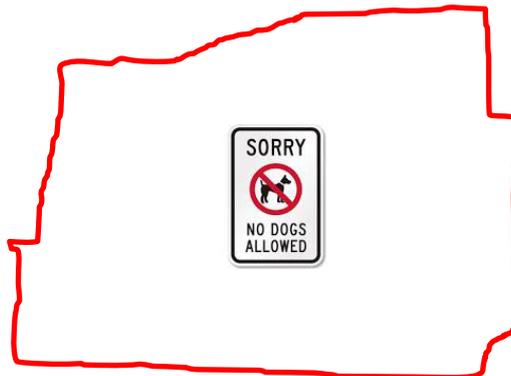
We have recently reviewed our approach to dog control, which ultimately stems from the law and discharging our duty of care for all our members. Whilst we fully appreciate that our members with dogs are responsible unfortunately not all dog owners are. People do react very differently to dogs, some are confident whilst others are unsure. Children can be also a bit scared, whilst others will naturally gravitate towards our four legged friends!

As a Committee we have come to the conclusion that the only fair way of managing this is to limit the area where dogs may go.

We are aware that the Guernsey Dogs Ordinance states that dogs are excluded from any public sports facilities unless the dog is at all times on a lead and under close supervision. We believe that this policy aligns to this law, and provides the appropriate level of safety within the immediate playing area.

Our playing pitches are played on by a large number of children each week. Rugby is a sport where players are in contact with ground and mud, and we cannot accept any risk of infection from dog faeces, even the small amount left by those responsible owners who clean up after their dogs. You may, or may not, be aware that dog faeces can contain a number of nasty parasites that are quite devastating to humans.

Below is a map of the Academy grounds, which clearly shows the areas where dogs are not allowed in future. Outside of this area please keep your dog on a lead at all times. Please take care if using a telescopic lead, as this can cause a trip hazard and you may not be aware what your dog is doing several metres away from you.



We would remind owners that they must remove immediately any faeces deposited and place in a receptacle provided for the specific purpose.

The Academy does reserves the right to ask that a dog be removed from the grounds at any time, should any of its officials deem it appropriate.

This policy does not apply to Guide Dogs or a Police / Customs Officer's dog undergoing its duties.

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