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## DOG POLICY

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Drafted	2011	Approved	Feb 2012
Responsible person	SMC	Scheduled review date	2020

### INTRODUCTION

The State Management Committee (SMC) of Victorian Endurance Riders Association (VERA) is committed to supporting affiliated Ride Organisers to create a safe sporting environment for all attending.

### PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to provide guidelines of behavior and expectation for VERA Inc. members and support ride officials to maintain a safe sporting environment.

While VERA Inc. acknowledge that many members travel with their dogs, a safe environment must be maintained for all present.

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The VERA Inc. SMC places great importance on member comfort and safety at affiliated events.



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## PROCEDURES

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### RESPONSIBILITIES

The VERA Inc. SMC President is responsible for bringing this policy to the attention of prospective SMC members.

The owner of any dog that attends any VERA Inc. affiliated event will be held responsible for their dogs behavior.

All VERA Inc. members are responsible for respecting this policy.

### PROCEDURES

1. Dogs are to be restrained at all times.
2. When in the owners camp site, dogs must be secured to a solid object ensuring that it cannot reach or interfere with other camps and allowing for safe passage of passers by.
3. An appropriate sign must be displayed at all times at the campsite that a dog is associated with. The size must be a minimum of A4 size with lettering larger than 30mm (example provided with this policy).
4. Dogs are not to be left unattended in camp or elsewhere. Riders must ensure that they nominate a suitable person to be responsible for their dogs behavior while they are absent.
5. Dogs must be on a lead when moving throughout the camp. This lead must not exceed 1.5m in length and the dog must be deemed as under control at all times.
6. Aggressive behavior by any dog will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
7. The owner of any dog that displays persistent antisocial behavior, for example continuous barking, may be asked to remove their dog from the endurance event venue unless this behaviour desists.
8. Refusal to restrain a dog of any size appropriately after being requested to do so by the Chief Steward and/or official of the Organising Committee can lead to the owner of the dog being asked to remove their dog from the Endurance Event venue.
9. Failure to follow these directives may lead to disqualification of the rider associated with the camp that the dog is associated with.
10. VERA Inc. affiliated Ride Organisers have the right to ban all dogs from attending a VERA Inc. affiliated Endurance Ride.

### RELATED DOCUMENTS

- AERA members handbook
- VERA Inc. constitution

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