

11 Commandments/Rules of Etiquette at NPD-Sanctioned Events

1. Clean up after your dog - always be prepared with poop bags.
2. Always have your dog under control - Dogs must be under control at all times. Leashes are mandatory for all NPD events.
3. Be aware of the environment that your dog is in. Be aware of possible dangers to your dog and respond accordingly. Be proactive, not reactive.
4. Be aware of / know your dog's body language.
5. Be aware of other dogs' body language.
6. Never let 2 dogs meet nose-to-nose while on a leash.
7. Do not let your dog roam freely on leash - flexi leads are NOT allowed.
8. Do not let your dog roam freely off leash - if your dog is off leash, it is because you are an exhibitor in the middle of a test and off leash control of your dog is required.
9. Set your dog up for success...don't put your dog in a situation or environment that they are uncomfortable or unfamiliar with that might cause a fear-driven response from your dog. If your dog is not comfortable with a certain environment, don't force them. Leave them at home until you can properly acclimate your dog to different environments in a controlled situation.
10. If you are not in the middle of exhibiting your dog at working or show events - keep your dog crated if they are not under control and calm on leash.
11. Always provide a source of fresh water for your dog at events.

OUT OF CONTROL DOG POLICY
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At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to itself or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event.

At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash.

Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler.

Any dog that, in the opinion of the judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and is excused from further participation in the event. Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the judges, event committee or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels.

Examples of out of control behavior would include but are not limited to:

Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds.

Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe.

If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury to a dog or person occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations)