

Standard Practices and Procedures

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Pets on Trips Policy - Cataraqui Canoe Club (CCC)

1 Scope

This policy will explain the Club's policy for members who would wish to bring their pet (primarily, dogs) on a trip.

2 Background

The Club has recently seen an increase in requests to allow members' dogs to accompany them on Club trips; up till March 2024, we have accommodated these requests. We recognized that dogs can enhance a trip for their owners, but they can also disturb times of relaxation and the outdoor atmosphere for others.

Unfortunately, we have experienced an increase in negative incidents and complaints from participants about dogs being present on trips.

3 Issues

The Club has been made aware of the following issues:

- a) the physical risks associated with members tripping over errant dogs and their leashes
- b) participants being otherwise bothered by dogs; incidents include dogs licking members' faces or attempting to eat their lunch
- c) the possibility of confrontational episodes between dog owners, participants and trip leaders
- d) members refusing to sign up to any trip where dogs may be present
- e) the potential additional burdens placed on trip leaders to police a policy permitting pets.

4 Policy

The Board has discussed this at length and has concluded that *the most appropriate policy for the "greater good" of the Club is to simply not allow dogs or any other type of pet on trips.*