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British Association For German Shepherd Dogs

Leeds Branch

Introduction

This guide should tell you all you need to know. Please do read it, it contains information that will help to keep you and everyone else at the club safe.

Anyone going onto the field must be a fully paid up member of BAGSD. New members will need to download, print and complete an application form, These are available on the website www.leedsbagsd.com on the main page in the 2020 membership and training fees section. We will have blank copies at the club but would really like to avoid handling them. You will need to bring your own pen if you want to complete a form at the club. We strongly advise you to pre-complete your form as completing one on the day will severely reduce the amount of time you spend training.

New members would need to pay £8.50 membership per person wishing to train plus the £35 training fee to cover the first 6 weeks. The cash should be placed with the membership form inside a sealed envelope with your name and your dog's name clearly marked on the front. Should new members wish to pay via BACS please e-mail secretary@leedsbagsd.com to make arrangements. At the moment this option is only open to new joiners due to the complexity of tracking payments.

Who can attend?

- Any paid up member of BAGSD Leeds.
- You cannot attend if any of the following apply:
 - You believe that you may be infected with COVID -19, even if you are not experiencing any symptoms.
 - You have any symptoms of COVID-19.
 - A member of your household may have been infected with COVID -19.
 - You live in a postcode area that has been subjected to local lockdown restrictions that do not allow you to travel or take part in this kind of activity.

Anyone wishing to train will be required to read and sign a disclaimer. If you do not bring a pre-signed disclaimer please bring your own pen. We will not be providing them.

Payments

You will still be able to pay using cash. We ask that you place the exact amount of money in a sealed envelope with the date, your name and your dog's name clearly marked on the front. We will provide a suitable box in which to place the envelopes. We will be taking a register so will know who has been on the field. Anyone found to be freeloading will be made to buy the drinks at the Xmas party!

Training Times

Please note the usual times have been adjusted slightly. We will look at increasing class length once we get a feel for how long it actually takes to change over. If you all leave and arrive as efficiently as possible and don't hang around we'll be able to tweak the timings in the future and hopefully offer longer classes.

Please be on time. Late arrivals are disruptive and will not be allowed onto the field once classes are underway.

New members, you are to come to session 1 with Gerard (he'll have plenty of help).

Session 1

Instructor	Class Name	Arrive at club by	Class Start Time	Class End Time
Gerard	Puppies/New Starters	08:50	09:00	09:30
Chris	Chris' Class	08:50	09:00	09:30

Session 2

Instructor	Class Name	Arrive at club by	Class Start Time	Class End Time
Tony	Intermediate 2	09:50	10:00	10:30
Joan	Advanced 1	09:50	10:00	10:30
Suzanne	Advanced 2	09:50	10:00	10:30

Session 3

Instructor	Class Name	Arrive at club by	Class Start Time	Class End Time
Gerard	Extra Puppies/New Starters	10:50	11:00	11:30
Tony	Beginners	10:50	11:00	11:30
Joan	Intermediate 1	10:50	11:00	11:30

What to bring

- Suitable collar and lead, spare lead (in case yours breaks, we are not allowed to lend you kit).
- Poo bags
- Toys, retrieve articles, mats
- Water and bowl (We will not be putting buckets out).
- Training Treats
- Hand Sanitizer
- Suitable clothing and footwear – We will be outside.

- Class times are to be staggered with a 20 minute changeover period to allow members from the first class to leave before the members from the second class arrive.
- Members will be told what time to arrive at, they should not arrive early or late. They must then remain in their cars until invited onto the field.
- All dogs are to be kept apart and should not be allowed to come into contact with each other.
- Social distancing guidelines are to be followed at all times.
- No one is to come into contact with any dog other than their own.
- One person shall have responsibility to invite people onto the training field. The class furthest from the gate will be brought on first and so on. Classes will leave the field only when told and in reverse order.
- Upon leaving the field members must go straight to their cars and leave the club.
- Only those people that are training a dog are to attend the club. Family and friends will not be permitted to attend. The only exception is where the person handling the dog cannot drive and relies on another person to get to the club. These people are to be reminded that they must follow government advice on sharing cars. In these instances those not training must remain inside their vehicles.
- No one will be allowed to arrive early, park their car to go off elsewhere to exercise their dogs.
- No equipment is to be shared by members. Any club equipment used is only to be handled by the instructor. Members should be provided with a list of things to bring to the club.
- By attending training a person accepts that they shall be bound by any rules/guidelines that the club sees fit to apply. Any person not following these rules/guidelines will be given a polite reminder and asked to follow the rules. Should a person continue to fail to follow the rules an instructor or committee member will have the authority to ask them to leave.

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BAGSD Leeds – COVID -19 Disclaimer

Warning - Risk of COVID-19

COVID –19, often referred to as coronavirus, is an infectious disease that can result in serious and potentially fatal illness. There is a risk of the transmission of COVID –19 in any environment where people come together. This risk increases in enclosed spaces and with increased numbers of people. The World Health Organisation has advised that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are more vulnerable.

Upon entering BAGSD Leeds training venue grounds you accept all risk associated with COVID -19 (unless in any way caused by the negligence of BAGSD Leeds). You also agree to:

- Abide by all government guidance aimed at preventing the transmission of the virus (details of which can be accessed via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>).
- To follow all directions provided by the committee and instructors as set out in the information made available to members.

You must not enter the venue if:

- You may be infected with COVID -19, even if you are not experiencing any symptoms
- A member of your household may have been infected with COVID -19
- You have any symptoms of COVID-19
- You or member of your household has been advised to shield
- You live in a postcode area that has been subjected to local lockdown restrictions

Failure to comply with these measures shall entitle BAGSD Leeds committee and instructors to ask you to leave the venue.

I have read and understood the disclaimer and am prepared to accept the risks as detailed within this disclaimer.

Name

Signed

Date