



# VICTORIAN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

## DOG POLICY



### **Dog Policy**

Members and temp members that wish to bring a dog on a club trip should first carefully read and sign this form before handing back to the club secretary. This form only needs to be signed once and remains in place for the duration of your membership unless this privilege is revoked.

### **Trip Leader**

When submitting a trip form, the trip leader will select if the trip is “Dogs allowed” on the trip data form as well noting relevant information that may be applicable. The trip leader will need to ensure State applicable laws are followed around camping/stopping in National parks and other areas.

### **Trip Participant**

Trip participants need to follow all recommendations as outlined on the trip data form and follow all the rules as outlined below.

While the trip leader will do their due diligence on ensuring compliance to all state rules around dogs on the trip it is ultimately the dog’s owner to ensure rules are followed. It is recommended you request the itinerary from the trip leader and do your own research. If you have any concerns, please discuss this with the trip leader before deciding to bring your dog along.

At times on a trip an activity may occur that is not dog suitable, (i.e. a pub meal) you may need to sit this activity out. The trip leader will endeavor to provide a suitable alternative, where possible, and that you can rejoin and continue the trip. This will be limited to a short stop/activity and will not restrict any member continuing the trip.

### **Rules**

Dogs must always be on a lead, unless everyone agrees to give the dog a run in a permitted area.

While travelling Dogs should be restrained inside of your car or in a suitable cage on a ute. No open travel on utes.

Dogs are to always be social and under the control of the owner, so as to not interfere with other members.

Anti-social behavior will not be tolerated examples of anti-social behavior are growling, lunging, biting or excessive barking.

### **Dispute Resolution**

If any member has an issue with the behavior of a dog on a trip, please bring up with the trip leader. If this does not resolve the issue to your satisfaction, please complete the incident form on the club website and submit to the club president. The president will investigate and provide a response.

### **Dog Owners Declaration – Permission to bring dogs on trips**

I agree that the responsibility of my dog (s) lie entirely with me. I agree to always follow all the rules of VFWDC Dog Policy and any other relevant authorities. VFWDC or any member / trip leader take no responsibility for any failure of mine to adhere to the rules of any relevant authorities. Failure to comply to this may lead to this privilege being revoked.

Member’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Member’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

President’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_