

Pennine Training Area

of the Northern Golden Retriever Association



Enjoy Your Day

Stay Safe

Pennine Training Area - Health and Safety Risk Assessment

Date:	Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training • Working Tests • Matches 	Assessors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Collier • Steve Burns • Trefor Richards 	Review:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually • Following any accident or incident • If new information becomes known
	Location:		Exposed persons:	Persons attending with dogs, Spectators, PTA members, PTA officials, Judges, Children (under 16), Vehicle drivers, Helpers, Dogs, Public		
Event Risk Assessment Number:	001		Equipment used:	Canvas dummy, dummy launcher, shotgun (occasional use), starting pistol	Monitoring results:	Chief Steward and PTA Committee to ensure compliance

Hazards identified	Exposed persons	Risk without controls			Controls / Safeguards / Precautions	Residual risk controls in place		
		H	M	L		H	M	L
Accidents in parking area and on site due to vehicle movement	All		X		Dogs kept on leads when not competing • Children accompanied or supervised at all times • First Aid Kit available for minor injuries • Promote awareness of other road users when parking on public highway • Care when opening/closing doors and tail gates, and loading/offloading passengers and dogs.			X
Adverse weather conditions. Strong, gusting wind risk of being blown over/losing balance, falling branches/debris. Poor visibility due to fog, rain or snow. Slippery surfaces due to low temperatures, difficulty walking and hidden obstacles due to snow.	All		X		Pre-event safety briefing by Chief Steward to include advice on appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for prevailing weather conditions • Waterproof clothing • Protective footwear • Carry out additional risk assessment just before event (and also during it if conditions change materially) when extreme weather conditions prevail • Confirm ground surfaces visually safe and not deteriorated due to additional hazards such as ice, snow, standing or fast flowing water, deep mud or sand, and slippery surfaces • Decide if any deterioration might result in injury • Decide if the event should be curtailed or cancelled.			X
Distressed dogs in vehicles (particularly in hot weather)	Persons attending with dogs, dogs	X			Persons attending with dogs reminded at pre-event safety briefing to assess risk to dogs left in vehicles • Ensure sufficient ventilation and drinking water • Everyone to remain observant when in parking area.		X	
Dog excrement (BIO HAZARD)	All		X		Persons attending with dogs reminded at pre-event safety briefing to pick up excrement • Take any waste home for disposal.			X

Announcements to be included in pre-event safety briefing are highlighted in yellow.

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Fire at venue	All		X		No smoking restrictions in or around farm/buildings • No smoking restrictions on ground prone to fire due to dry and/or hot conditions • Fire exits in buildings identified prior to event and kept clear of obstructions • Identify location of extinguishers and inform all Stewards • Everyone to be vigilant for rule breaking.			X
Handling starting pistols and dummy launchers	All, Helpers		X		Announce use or possible use if necessary • Ensure equipment stored safely and under control of designated users ONLY • Check vicinity clear of others prior to firing • Spent cartridges collected and taken away from venue and disposed of responsibly • Users to be conversant with use and instructed when necessary • Hearing protection available.			X
Injury to minors	Children	X			Reminder at pre-event safety briefing that all children must be accompanied or supervised AT ALL TIMES.			X
Injuries walking from vehicle parking area to venue (trips and falls due to uneven ground)	All		X		Car park and external area in front of venue inspected prior to event • Be aware of other road users when exiting vehicles and parking on public highway • First Aid Kit available for minor injuries.			X
Loose dogs out of control causing injury	All		X		Persons attending with dogs reminded at pre-event safety briefing that dogs to be kept on leads and under control at all times except when instructed by a Judge or PTA Official • For emergency vet details see 'PTA Veterinarian Practice List'.			X
Medical injuries. For example due to trips, slips or falls, scalds, dog bites	All		X		Committee to check venue prior to event for potential trip hazards or areas of danger and minimising the risk of anything identified • Emergency services to be contacted for more serious injury • Continuous monitoring throughout event for potential hazards • Toilet and refreshment areas checked regularly for wet floors • Designated area for refreshments to minimise scalds caused by people carrying hot drinks • First Aid Kit available for minor injuries.			X
Parking. Improper. Illegal or unsafe - obstructing access by emergency or other vehicles	Vehicle drivers		X		In accordance with the requirements of each specific site • Gateways kept clear and farm access maintained at all times • No vehicles to be driven on paths, bridleways or access land unless approved or ordered by an official.			X
Use of shotguns	All	X			Announce use or possible use if necessary • All participants carrying shotguns must have a current shotgun licence which must be made available to a PTA official for inspection prior to commencement of the event. To be fully conversant with shotgun safety codes of practice as set out by official bodies such as BASC before accepting an invitation to shoot at a trial. Any unsafe handling of firearms must be reported to an official immediately.		X	
Topography and man-made obstacles. Steep gradients, undulating ground, difficult terrain, hidden obstacles - walking and driving potentially hazardous.	All		X		At the commencement of each event the organiser will advise the field of the locations of access and exit points, highlight potential difficulties due to terrain, and also the existence of other hazards such as stiles, ditches, water hazards, fences (including barbed wire).			X
Water hazards	All, dogs	X			Children supervised at all times • Inspect water hazard for submerged obstacles prior to use during event • Keep clear of water hazards when not in use.		X	

Signed:

Position:

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