

Dogs ACT Penalty Guidelines

Implemented on:

*These are a guideline only and can be subject to change depending on the situation.

Offence	Minimum	Maximum
1. Misconduct Against/By a Judge or Office Official		
.1 Physical assault	5 Years	Life Suspension
.2 Abusive or foul language/verbal altercation	1 year or \$300	5 years or \$500
.3 Disruptive public criticism of a judge's or Dogs ACT Official decision	1 year or \$300	5 years or \$500
.4 Aggressive behaviour towards a judge or office official	3 years or \$300	5 years or \$500
.5 Unsporting conduct during an event including but not limited to		
.1 Refusal or throwing down a ribbon	Warning letter	6 months or \$500
.2 Leaving ring without permission	Warning letter	6 months or \$500
.3 Refusing to continue to compete	Warning letter	6 months or \$500
.4 Refusing to follow a judge's reasonable instructions to leave the ring	Warning letter	6 months or \$500
.6 Attempting to influence a judge's decision which could include but not be limited to bribery, collusion, threatening, intimidation, found to have influenced.	18 months or \$500	Life Suspension
.7 Misconduct by a judge in the judging process which could include but not be limited to bribery, collusion, threatening, intimidation, found to have influenced.	3 years or \$300	Life Suspension
2. Disorderly Conduct		
.1 Physical assault	1 year or \$300	Life Suspension
.2 Abusive or foul language/verbal altercation	1 year or \$300	5 years or \$500
.3 Personal/Affiliate/Dogs ACT property damage	3 months and cost of damages	1 year and cost of damages
.4 Impairing a club's ability to retain site	6 months or \$300	1 year or \$500
.5 Failure to properly control a dog at an event	6 months or \$300	1 year or \$500
3. Abuse of Animals		
.1 Physical abuse at or in connection with an event by individual	1 year or \$500	Life Suspension
.2 Physical abuse at or in connection with an event by a club	Loss of event for 1 year or \$500	Loss of event for 5 years or \$1000
.3 Neglect endangering wellbeing of an animal by individual	5 years or \$500	Expulsion of Membership
.4 Neglect endangering wellbeing of an animal by club	Loss of event for 1 year or \$500	Loss of event for 5 years or \$1000
.5 Cruelty to an animal	Expulsion of Membership	
.6 Whelping bitches at an event site	1 year or \$300	5 years or \$500
4. Violation of Dogs ACT Rules/Regulations/Codes		
.1 Showing the wrong dog without voluntary correction	Warning letter	6 months or \$500
.2 Substitution of one dog for another	5 years or \$500	10 years or \$1000
.3 Disregarding show regulations (e.g. parking, obstructing aisles; not cleaning up after yourself or dog etc.)	Warning letter	6 months or \$500
.4 Entering/exhibiting altered dog (temporary alteration and no vet certificate)	1 year or \$300	2 years or \$500
.5 Entering/exhibiting altered dog (permanent alteration and no vet certificate)	2 years or \$500	5 years or \$1000
.6 Refusal to return ribbon/prize after award disallowed	Warning letter	2 years or \$500
.7 Firearm safety violations (by handler)	6 months or \$300	5 years or \$1000
.8 Firearm safety violation (by club)	Loss of event for 1 years or \$300	Loss of event for 5 years or \$500
5. Registration Violations		
.1 Submission of a false application to register/transfer/lease/microchip (not signed forgeries)	Warning letter	10 years or \$1000
.2 Failure to register any or all of a litter	3 months or \$200	5 years or \$500
.3 Signing incomplete applications to register/transfer/lease -failing to properly complete a document to show buyer's/lessor's name/address/transfer date etc.	1 month or \$150	5 years or \$500
.4 Submission of application containing a false certification as to the signature of owners	1 year or \$200	5 years or \$500
.5 Signing Dogs ACT documents on behalf of another without proper authority	5 years or \$500	Life Suspension
.6 Selling, buying or falsifying Dogs ACT documents	5 years or \$500	Life Suspension
.7 Refusing to produce dogs or records to Dogs ACT authority	5 years or \$500	15 years or \$1000
.8 Non-compliance with Dogs ACT Rules/Regulations/Codes on Breeding: minor - gross violations	Warning letter	Life Suspension
.9 Knowingly falsifying a litter registration	5 years	Life Suspension
.10 Knowingly registering puppies under incorrect parentage	5 years	Life Suspension
6. Mediation		

.1 Breach of an agreement reached through Mediation	6 months or \$200 and compliance with the agreement	10 years or \$500 and compliance with the agreement
7. Social Media		
.1 Public criticism of a judge or Dogs ACT Official that it questions the character, person, life or work.	Warning letter	5 years or \$500
.2 Unacceptable use of DOGS ACT office electronic communication tools. 19.4 Social Media Policy.	6 month or \$200	5 years or \$500
.3 Dogs ACT Social Media Policy 19.5 Inappropriate or unacceptable use of social media or social networking sites	Warning letter	5 years or \$500