

Dogs at Gore A&P Showgrounds

The Gore A&P Showgrounds is classed as a working farm, therefore there are clear rules in place for dogs on the grounds. Please read the below, as it is a condition of entry to the grounds for all dogs (whether with competitors, supporters, or spectators) that the following rules are adhered to.

Dogs are beloved companion animals, and we would prefer to continue to allow dogs to accompany their people to shows. However due to previous issues with dogs at Southland Show Jumping events, the committee have voted that the 2024 Labour Weekend show will have strict dog rules enforcement, and any issues that occur at this show will trigger a ban on dogs at future shows. Please don't be the person that causes a ban to be enacted!

If you have any questions or concerns, or want any guidance on what is allowed, please contact Southland Show Jumping via Facebook or Main Events before the show, or Anna Crooks at the show.

Please help us monitor how it's going – if you see an issue, take a photo and have a chat to Anna Crooks, who can be found at Ring 3, or go to the Secretary's Office to have her called.

Rules

- All dogs must have a current registration tag attached at all times.
- All dogs must have proof of hydatids worming no longer than 30 days prior to the show, and absolutely no later than 48 hours before coming onto the grounds.
- Dogs must be on a leash, tethered, contained within a vehicle, or penned safely at all times when on the grounds. Absolutely NO OFF-LEASH DOGS at any time.
- Poo bags must be carried at all times.
- Fouling of the grounds will not be tolerated, all excrement must be removed immediately and deposited in a rubbish bin.
- Please report any fouling seen on the grounds IMMEDIATELY.
- Any dog deemed to be causing a nuisance or being aggressive may be required to be further confined or removed from the grounds. This could include (but is not limited to) repeated, excessive or night-time barking, or threatening behaviour toward humans or any other animal (e.g. barking, growling, snarling, attempted or actual biting, leaping)

Guidance

- It is strongly recommended that your dog has a name tag with your contact phone number attached to it at all times (just like is required on equines). Temporary tags for this purpose are fine.

- Unaccompanied or tied up dogs should be confined by leash/tether/cage/pen at a vehicle only, with a range of 1m maximum. I.E. no tying up outside stables/yards/ring/office at any time for any reason. Dogs may be walked around grounds on a leash, or ringside on a leash, where leash is held by the accompanying person
- There is a Dog Park in Gore for off-leash exercise. It is Hamilton Park, 35 Railway Esplanade. This is 3.5km from the Showgrounds.
- The MPI Code of Welfare for Dogs applies – e.g. food and water, tethering etc. See here for the Code <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/46030-Code-of-Welfare-Dog>
- See information about correct dosing for hydatids here <https://www.sheepmeasles.co.nz/on-the-farm/dogs/>
- Please don't park in a high traffic area if you have a dog – it's best to park where you dog won't be at risk of tripping people passing by with their tether or jumping out and giving horses or people a fright.

Scale of penalties

- Warning (for a minor breach)
- Impounding / Fine (\$200)
- Require removal of dog from grounds
- Refusal of entries at subsequent show(s)