

ALL BREED TRAINING CLUB OF AKRON, INC.

Akron, Ohio

POLICY ON VICIOUS / AGGRESSIVE DOGS

Any dog (male or female) displaying any of all of the signs of serious aggressive or vicious behavior such as: deep, low, throaty growling; snarling (showing of teeth); snapping at or putting teeth on a human being or another dog, is an extremely serious matter.

This type of behavior will not be accepted or dealt with in a class situation at the All-Breed Training Club of Akron, Inc. (ABTCA) building.

ABTCA will handle the situation in the following steps:

1. The instructor of the class will consult with the Director of Training and the dog will be evaluated;
2. We (ABTCA) will suggest to the owner/handler of the dog in question that an appointment be made with his or her own veterinarian to rule out any physical problems that may be associated with the dog's behavior;
3. We (ABTCA) will offer names of professional trainers and/or behaviorists;
4. The owner/handler may seek a professional trainer and/or behaviorist of his or her own choosing;
5. The owner/handler may also want to contact the breeder, shelter, or the individual that the dog was acquired through, for terms of a guarantee contract for compensation;
6. ABTCA will refund the full amount of the fee applied to the class that the owner/handler had agreed to pay for the dog in question to enter;
7. Also, the owner/handler should be advised of the possible legal ramifications involved in the ownership of an aggressive/vicious dog.

Three categories of aggression are dog aggression, people aggression, and other animal aggression.

NOTE:

DEFINITIONS:

Vicious 1. Wicked or evil (vicious habits); 2. Likely to attack or bite one (a vicious dog); 3. Meant to harm, spiteful, mean and cruel; 4. Very severe, sharp, etc. (vicious pain).

Aggressive 1. Ready to start fights or quarrels; 2. To be bold and active.

*Webster's New World Dictionary, 2nd Concise Edition
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