

MERRIWA PAH and I WORKING DOG AGILITY WAIVER

I understand and by enrolling in the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility or participating in the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility, I accept the following:

- ⌚ That the Working Dog Agility Classes are held at Merriwa Showground on PAH and I owned equipment in the presence of other dogs (whose temperaments are not known and may be aggressive) and in the presence of other people (whose temperaments are unknown and may be aggressive).
- ⌚ That the dog sport of agility is potentially hazardous to both dogs and people. Agility involves the physical act of walking and running over uneven, rough and hard terrain for both dogs and people. Working Dog Agility involves running near and around equipment that may have rough edges, protruding parts and some of the equipment is off of the ground (backs of vehicles over bale walls) with no mats underneath. It is not uncommon in working dog agility for people to fall over the equipment, run into the equipment, fall due to slippage or trip over a dog. It is not uncommon for dogs to fall over pieces of equipment, run into the equipment, fall and slip (both on the ground and off of the equipment), strike jump bars and trip over their handlers.
- ⌚ Working Dog Agility involves strenuous running for the people and running, climbing and jumping for the dogs. Working Dog Agility involves working outdoors in all of the various weather conditions including extreme heat and/or cold, wet conditions.
- ⌚ Working Dog Agility involves off-leash dogs. Dogs are animals and may exhibit aggression to other dogs and people. Aggressive dogs may bite and may cause injury to people and/or other dogs.
- ⌚ That it is not reasonable, feasible nor realistic for the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility and it's representatives to have knowledge of and compensate for any medical conditions that the people or dogs may have that may be triggered or exacerbated by physical exertion and/or temperature extremes. Therefore, it is the participant's responsibility (or in the case of minor children – their parent's responsibility) to obtain medical or veterinarian approval for their (people and dogs) participation in the activity.

WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

I agree, as the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility participant or as the parent/guardian of a child participant to hereby waive and release the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility, it's members and the Upper Hunter Shire Council (where the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility is held) from any and all liability of any nature for loss, injury, death, disappearance, theft, harm, illness, expense, hardship and/or damage which I, my child(ren) (if participants), my vehicle and/or my dog may suffer.

In consideration of and as inducement to the acceptance of application for agility training and/or participation in an agility event that is held on Upper Hunter Shire Council property, with Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility owned agility equipment and sponsored by the Merriwa PAH and I, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility and its members, the Upper Hunter Shire Council (where the working dog agility is held) from any and all claims, or claims by any member(s) of my family while on the property where the agility activity/class is being held and/or the surrounding property thereto as a result of any action by any dog, including my own.

Name of Participant: _____ **Participant print name here**

_____ **Participant sign name here**

Parent/Guardian for child 18 or under: _____ **Parent print name here**

_____ **Parent's Signature**

Date: _____

Dog's name: _____

Pre-dominant Breed: _____

Approximate DOB: _____

Sex of Dog: Female

Male

Merriwa PAH and I Working Dog Agility Waiver of Liability 7/2017