



ASSOCIATES RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
ALLEN PARK SWANBOURNE
"The Heart of Rugby in W.A."

DOGS

The Committee has from time to time received complaints about various dog related incidents that have occurred at Allen Park and other playing venues.

The complaints fall into three broad areas:

- issues of hygiene;
- threats, real or perceived, posed by dogs, particularly to children;
- lack of owner control.

The Committee concedes that by and large, members who bring dogs to Allen Park or take them to other playing venues keep their dogs under control. Despite this, lingering concerns remain about a number of "what if" scenarios and the recent complaints have only served to underline those concerns.

In determining its position, the Committee has been mindful of:

- (a) what the Committee sees to be the duty of care obligations of the Club; and
- (b) the need to ensure the comfort and safety of players, spectators and others.

With these considerations in mind, the Committee has decided that the following will apply with effect from **Saturday 12 April 2003**:

1. Members are requested to refrain from bringing dogs to Allen Park at any time whilst any training session, game or other organised Club activity is in progress.
2. Dogs will not, in any event, be allowed access to any of the areas within the Club's Lease at any time. Members should note that the Club's Lease extends to and includes the covered verandah areas.
3. Members are requested to refrain from taking dogs to other playing venues if an Associates team is playing at that venue.

We look to all members to support this policy.

The Club will be writing to other clubs with a request that they ask their members to refrain from bringing dogs to games played against Associates teams at Allen Park.

The Club will also be advising the City of Nedlands of its policy in relation to dogs.

G B NELSON
President
7 April 2003