



# Victorian Yard Utility Farm Dog Association Inc.

## COVID-19 Safe Plan

This document has been developed to assist the VYUFDA Inc. organisers and competitors to manage any Covid-19 pandemic issues when attending the sport of yard dog trialling. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the material in this document, this publication is not meant to substitute for legislation. The Covid-19 Safe Plan is designed to inform decisions on adjusting the measures in place to suppress the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

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## 1. Managing risk: duty of care

The VYUFDA Trial Organisers (**Trial Convenor**) will do everything reasonably practicable to ensure your attendance at the trial will be supported with measures for your health and safety.

The purpose of this COVID-19 Pandemic Control Plan (**Plan**) is to provide an overarching plan for the implementation and management of procedures by the Trial Convenor to support all persons at our trial.

For the purpose of this Plan includes all persons but not limited to competitors, visitors and volunteers.

The arrangements set out in this Plan are intended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among participants, volunteers, visitors, families and the broader community. This Plan will help to identify what actions we will need to take to put in place suitable and effective controls to manage COVID-19 at a yard dog trial event.

Under the health and safety legislation we understand that we have a duty of care to manage the risks of COVID-19 entering or spreading in our sporting area. We understand that we may not be able to eliminate the risk completely, instead we will consider other ways to reduce the risk as far as reasonably practicable.

## 2. Physical distancing

One way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is physical distancing. The more space between one another, the harder it is for the virus to spread.

Trial Convenor will implement the below measures to minimise the risk of infection:

- ✓ maintain and encourage others to maintain the physical distancing principle of at least 1.5 metres separation, where possible which includes;
- ✓ between groups within each area and at entry and exit points;
- ✓ avoid handshakes or other contact
- ✓ consider site layout and move tables and seating to comply with physical distancing (1.5 metres separation)
- ✓ install signage to amenities entry door to make persons aware of amenity capacity, encourage “one-way traffic” where possible
- ✓ minimise mixing between separate rooms or groups of people as much as possible
- ✓ display signage at the entrance to instruct competitors and or visitors not to attend if they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms
- ✓ consider placing ground markings or signs to identify 1.5 metres distance between people
- ✓ monitor compliance with physical distancing requirements, with particular regard to areas where persons might congregate
- ✓ limit non-essential contact as much as possible, for example by limiting any direct contact with documents, equipment, chairs, walls and doors. Don't share sign in pens
- ✓ bring your own lunch and drink
- ✓ professional catering firms or service clubs who have their own COVID Plan will be allowed at trials

### 3. Hygiene

The Trial Convenor is committed to observing appropriate hygiene measures to minimise the risk of exposure to, contracting or spreading COVID-19. This procedure includes how to address the hand cleaning by all persons at the trial location. Competitors are recommended to bring with them to the trail their own hand sanitiser and to be used throughout the day of their attendance. Competitors must use the hand sanitiser immediately before entering the arena, the competitor may remove their face mask for their period in the arena. Upon completion of their trial period the competitor must replace their face mask.

Good hygiene requires everyone to wash their hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry them completely. If paper towels are unavailable, other methods such as electric hand dryers may be used, however, hands will still need to be dried completely.

Everyone must wash and dry their hands:

- ✓ before and after eating
- ✓ after coughing or sneezing
- ✓ after going to the toilet and
- ✓ after touching communal potentially contaminated surfaces

When it is not possible to wash and dry hands, an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol as the active ingredient must be used as per the manufacturer's instructions. Hand sanitiser vessels can be located at the entry and exit gate to the arena

Good hygiene also requires everyone at the event to at all times:

- ✓ cover their coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a clean tissue (and no spitting)
- ✓ avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth
- ✓ dispose of tissues and cigarette butts hygienically, i.e. in closed bins
- ✓ wash and dry their hands completely before and after smoking a cigarette
- ✓ clean and disinfect shared equipment i.e. gates
- ✓ wash body, hair (including facial hair) and clothes thoroughly every day and
- ✓ have no intentional physical contact, for example, shaking hands and patting backs.

### 4. Cleaning

All persons attending the event will be expected to assist in cleaning and disinfecting communal areas. The schedule will consider the level of risk of exposure to, contracting or spreading COVID-19 within the event area. Cleaning, attention will be given to frequently touched surfaces. Persons may assess the different surfaces and objects that are frequently touched by multiple people and appropriately disinfect these surfaces and objects.

## **5. Restrictions on entry to the Trial Ground and Surrounds**

The Convenor will take all reasonable steps to ensure that a competitor or others do not enter or attend the event area if they display symptoms associated with COVID-19 or the competitor /other has been required to isolate or quarantine.

### **If you contract the virus**

If you begin to display symptoms of the virus, you must follow Government guidance.

### **If you have contact with a confirmed case of the coronavirus**

If you have been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of the coronavirus, you must follow Government guidance.

### **If you have contact with a suspected case of the coronavirus**

If you have been in contact with someone who has a suspected case of the coronavirus, you must follow Government guidance.

## **6. Self-isolation**

You must not attend the event during any self-isolation period that the Government, medical authority or medical practitioner requires you to undertake.

## **7. Training and education**

The Convenor will make available to each competitor the information contained in this plan

## **8. Record keeping and contact tracing**

In the event of a case of COVID-19 being detected at the event, it will be important to be able to trace people who have been at the trail. Contact tracing is a way of slowing the spread of infections by identifying people who have been in contact with an infected person.

Therefore, the Convenor will adopt record keeping and contact tracing requirements that complies with the relevant Government or Public Health order.

The trail entry form is deemed a contract tracing register and will record details for all competitors attending the event, which includes:

- ✓ date and time of entry
- ✓ full name / address
- ✓ phone number / email address

Records are only to be used for tracing COVID-19 infections and will be stored confidentially and securely. The information will be made available to public health officials on request.

## 9. Environmental Cleaning

Environmental cleaning refers to the appropriate cleaning of surfaces found in the trial area. Deposits of dust, soil and microbes on surfaces are a potential source of associated infections.

The Convenor will ensure that persons are informed it is the responsibility of all attendees to manage and implement cleaning and sanitising of common areas.

Thorough cleaning of all areas between classes.

## 10. Waste Disposal

The Convenor will communicate to all attendees the responsible waste disposal and the correct management of all waste generated items whilst ensuring they are compliant with regulations and guidelines administered by other Government agencies i.e. Environmental Protection Agencies and Local Government Ordinances. All waste should be stored in secure areas until collected. Waste bags should be tied before removing from the area. Dependant on public or private area.

All rubbish bins regardless of size will required to be lined with bin bags for easy removal and disposal.

COVID-19 spreads through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. A person can acquire the virus by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes.

## 11. Attendee's Responsibilities

To ensure the overall success in controlling the risks related to infections at this event, persons attending must be able to implement the established infection control measures and follow the protocols that have been developed. To this end, the Convenor will:

- ✓ have enough training, skills, knowledge, level of competence and qualifications required to undertake any task that may potentially expose them to the risk of infection at the trial or undertaking trial related activities
- ✓ have enough skills and training in the effective use of all PPE required by attendees to eliminate or minimise the risk of infection to themselves or others at the event
- ✓ follow any reasonable instruction given to them by the convenor designed to eliminate or minimise the risk of infection to themselves or others at the trial, including the mandatory use of PPE when and where required
- ✓ actively participate in the development and review of the Convenor's infection control protocols and procedures
- ✓ actively participate in the development and review of the Convenor's administrative requirements designed to minimise the risk of infection transmission at the trial
- ✓ will advise the Convenor immediately when they become aware of any potential exposure to infection to themselves or others at the event
- ✓ do not undertake any activity, action or inaction that may knowingly place themselves or others at the trial at risk of exposure to an infection and

- ✓ will advise the Convenor immediately when they become aware of contracting any illness or disease or having become aware of any condition, disability or impairment (temporary or otherwise), that may potentially affect their capacity to participate in sporting activities or where specific competition activities may further impact upon their health, safety or welfare or the health and safety of others at the event.

