

## Notification #10 - Notice to all Affiliated Flyball Clubs and AFA Members

## **Dog Vaccination Policy.**

The AFA does not have a formal Policy dealing with dog vaccinations and relies on individual Clubs to have in place what they deem to be appropriate policies and to ensure that these policies are applied.

Given the nature of our sport, which is team focused and involves dogs sharing balls, the import of dog health should be paramount in all members minds.

The AFA Committee accordingly wishes to draw to all Clubs attention the sensibility of having a policy of requiring annual evidence that dogs have reasonable immunity from the common Australian diseases covered by vaccination. Such evidence is normally provided by sighting an annual vaccination certificate.

The AFA recognises that some members may prefer to have their dogs titre tested for antibody levels as evidence of reasonable immunity. Where this is part of a Clubs policy we suggest that the frequency of testing needs to be indicated in the policy and evidence of testing results presented and sighted in the same way as vaccination certificates are sighted. The AFA finally draws attention to the fact that titre testing does not cover immunity levels for kennel cough and Clubs should note this when establishing their Vaccination Policy.

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