

MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



DOGS AT FLYING FIELDS POLICY DRAFT

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1. INTRODUCTION

The MAAA wishes to provide a safe environment for their Affiliate Members in which to participate and enjoy the sport of model aviation. An important aspect of this is that those preparing to fly and engaging in flying model aircraft do not have their ability to do so safely, inhibited by the presence of dogs at flying fields. This policy provides guidance for Members and Clubs in minimising the risk posed by dogs.

2. DEFINITIONS

Affiliate Member	A person properly affiliated with a Club that is properly affiliated with an MAAA Ordinary Member.
Club	A Club properly affiliated with an MAAA Ordinary Member.
MAAA	Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.
MAAA Ordinary Member	A State Association properly affiliated with the MAAA.

3. POLICY

The MAAA strongly recommends that: -

- As a minimum, dogs shall not be at a flying field without being on a leash.
- Clubs investigate what restrictions their Land Owners require regarding dogs and include this in their Club rules.
- Clubs also investigate the Local Council requirements regarding dogs in public areas and consider applying at least the same requirements to avoid accusations of not adhering to the standards of their Local Council regulations.

4. GUIDANCE

As each field and the circumstances under which Clubs operate on that land, together with the history of that operation, is different, it is up to the Club Management how this policy should be actually and clearly implemented to ensure it complies with these recommendations in a practical manner.

However, Clubs and their Members should responsibly consider the possible injury and damage that can and have been caused by dogs at flying fields, both directly and as a result of the distraction to pilots. In addition, their presence may give serious concern to both members and visitors of all ages who are not comfortable in the presence of dogs.