

## **Port Macquarie Dog Club Inc. Heat Policy**

The Club takes its duty of care in respect of the safety of handlers and dogs very seriously. Accordingly, the Club will not conduct, or continue to conduct, official training sessions when the ambient temperature exceeds 35 deg C. as measured in the shade of areas used for training on hot days.

Notwithstanding the above, Instructors will also use their judgement as to whether or not extreme humidity may cause excessive heat load on handlers and/or dogs, and may choose to abandon or modify training as deemed appropriate, at their discretion.

Individual handlers are also encouraged to consider their particular circumstances (handler/dog team). The handler should always feel free to withdraw from training if she/he is concerned about the effect of the prevailing conditions on their team.

The Club will still have Committee members and/or Instructors at the Club during normal training hours to deal with enquiries or requests for advice.