

**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**AUSTRALIAN YARD DOG ASSOCIATION**

**1. Condition of dogs:**

Dogs are to be presented in a good healthy condition at all times.

**2. Transport of dogs:**

Overcrowding of dogs in vehicles and trailers is to be avoided.

Trailers & cages transporting dogs are to be kept clean & well ventilated.

Dogs to be offered water regularly.

Dogs to be exercised & allowed to empty out regularly.

**3. Threatening of dogs on the trial ground.**

Handlers threatening dogs on the trial ground will be reprimanded and or disqualified

**4. Behaviour of handlers and members.**

A. Handlers disciplining dogs in a manner that offends the public will not be tolerated at any venue or event affiliated with the AYDA. Strong action will be taken against those who offend.

B. Handlers & members are required to behave in a sportsmanlike manner both on & off the trial venue.

C. A member must not inflict verbal or physical abuse upon another competitor, spectator or official.

**5. Members etiquette.**

1. Handlers should be considerate & responsible when exercising dogs.

2. All dog droppings to be collected & appropriately disposed of when in public places.

3. Dogs are to be under control at all times.

**6. Movement of livestock.**

1. All sections of trial courses should be designed to allow the movement and flow of sheep to be achieved with a minimum of stress to the animals and utilising the natural following behaviour of sheep.

2. A handler or stockperson must not inflict pain nor cause wilful distress to any animal.

**Aim of the Association - Explanation**

The Australian Yard Dog Association should be seen as promoting & adopting good animal welfare practice without threat or objection from the many animal welfare groups who watch sports and activities involving animal. We wish to be seen as leaders in the care of animals under our control.