

LDOA MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

The London Dog Owners' Association (LDOA) is a membership organization representing dog owners and supporters of the organization. They serve as an advocacy group on behalf of peoples' collective needs and those needs of their beloved pets.

The LDOA originated in 2003 with a Constitution, By Laws and Policies approved by members. LDOA is not yet a registered charity. An Executive Committee of volunteers is elected annually from and by members and is responsible and accountable to the membership.

Regular Memberships are for residents of London and Middlesex County. Associate Memberships are for residents in surrounding communities outside of London and outside of Middlesex County as well as for those who do not meet Regular Membership Requirements.

In order to achieve the Purpose, Goals and Objectives of LDOA, its members agree to adhere to the following principles of our code as follows and thereby members are recognized as "Members in Good Standing".

- All members of LDOA will respect and comply with the LDOA By- Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies established by the LDOA Executive Committee and support Rules and Requirements of the City of London governing the use of designated Off Leash Dog Parks.
- All members of LDOA acknowledge that as users of Off Leash Dog Park areas they are subject to the Dog Owners Liability Act.
- All members of LDOA will provide their dogs with appropriate housing, food and health care. Members will always consider as paramount the welfare of their dog.
- All members of LDOA will endeavour to advocate and enhance the role of dogs in society as an essential member of its communities where it functions as a companion, a guardian, a healer, a herder, a therapist, a teacher and above all "man's best friend".
- All members of LDOA will undertake the task of welcoming, educating and encouraging all newcomers to the Association while respecting their interests: off leash parks, training, community awareness and education.
- All members of LDOA must take the initiative to be a responsible and conscientious group ensuring that their actions support the privilege of sharing parkland and open spaces with the community.
- All members of LDOA understand that personal information supplied on Membership Application Forms is protected by the LDOA Privacy Policy. Such information will be held in the strictest confidence for internal use only by LDOA Executive officers.
- All members of LDOA accept their responsibility to observe and monitor dog park activity including behaviour of dog owners and their dogs, evidence of vandalism and/or malfunction of equipment, and safety hazards. Members agree to report violations of responsible behaviour, witnessed incidents and maintenance requirements to appropriate authorities as posted on Park Bulletin boards.
- All members of LDOA whether serving as Executive Officers, Committee Chairpersons or volunteers at large who participate in LDOA activities shall do so with honesty, fairness and integrity ever mindful of the practice of being a good example to others.

- All members of LDOA understand that complaints of serious misconduct and/or violation of LDOA Code of Ethics could result in a membership being revoked in accordance with LDOA Policy on Membership/Enforcement.
- All members of LDOA entitled to vote at General or Special meetings of LDOA must declare any Conflict of Interest whether it be of the nature of any political connection or significant interest of personal monetary gain by way of ownership in, employment by, or directorship of and holding office in any organization deemed to be in competition with LDOA or in conflict with LDOA Goals and Objectives.