

## CRTR Dog Policy – Effective March 31, 2009

The following is the CRTR Dog Policy as prepared by the Executive and Directors, moved and carried at the Members General Meeting of March 31, 2009 meeting.

### Definitions:

“Facility” Any farm, guest ranch, park or other riding location

“Host” Owner and/or Operator of a facility that is hosting CRTR events

**1. Dog Policy Determined before each Event:** The Social Director or Day Ride Coordinator will request from the Host their written Dog Policy. The Host Dog Policy will be stated on the event sign-up sheets and on the CRTR website for each Weekend or Day Ride, so that all CRTR Members are aware of the Host Dog Policy before signing up for an event. Regardless of whether the Host has a Dog Policy or not, at minimum the CRTR General Dog Policy (#4 and #5 below) will also always apply.

**2. Host Dog Policy Prevails:** If Host Dog Policy states “No Dogs Allowed” then it is **absolutely no dogs allowed**. CRTR Members are asked not to contact the Host directly in an effort to negotiate or persuade Host to relax their policy. Only the Social Director or Day Ride Coordinator is to contact a Host on behalf of the CRTR. We do not want Hosts to feeling pressured to make exceptions to their policy, which may negatively affect our ability to book the Host facility again in future. **Therefore there will be no exceptions or relaxations permitted to the Host’s Dog Policy.**

**3. Governance:** If a member arrives at a Host Facility with a dog, contrary to the stated Host Dog Policy, the acting CRTR Leader will ask the Member to leave the event. If the member refuses to leave when asked, the member will be handed a copy of this CRTR Dog Policy. The matter will then be referred to an Executive meeting where consideration will be given on how to address the issue under the provisions of the CRTR Bylaw Article 2 – Membership, Section 2.7.

### **4. The CRTR General Dog Policy is that a dog...**

- Will not at any time be permitted along on the trail rides
- Must be under control at all times, and not allowed to run at large on Host property
- Must be well trained, obedient to its handler, heeled when not on leash or tied
- Must be leashed, tied-up, or otherwise confined when not supervised by its handler
- Must not agitate, disturb or display aggression toward people, horses, or other animals
- Must not bark or whine excessively, or display any other disruptive nuisance behavior
- Handler is to clean up dog doo-doo immediately

**5. Executive Action:** If a dog at any CRTR event demonstrates any nuisance or undesirable behaviors including but not limited to those mentioned above (#4) then the acting CRTR Leader at the event will report this to the Social Director. The Social Director will have the authority to prohibit that dog from future CRTR Events. The issue may further be discussed at an Executive Committee meeting where consideration may be given to the application of CRTR Bylaw Article 2 – Membership, Section 2.7