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## ANIMAL AND ASSISTANCE ANIMAL POLICY

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### **1. Purpose**

To ensure the safety, health, and enjoyment of all visitors, participants, staff and animals, by restricting the entry of animals except for legally recognised assistance animals in accordance with NSW laws.

### **2. Introduction**

No animals are permitted within the venue grounds under any circumstances, except for certified assistance dogs as defined under applicable NSW and Commonwealth legislation.

This restriction is in place for the safety of animals and humans alike, and to uphold the venue's duty of care obligations.

### **3. No animals are permitted**

- Motor sports venues frequently exceed noise levels found in fireworks displays. Research, including by the RSPCA, indicates that such noise can cause fear and distress, hearing damage, and disorientation in animals.
- Past incidents at similar venues have included dog bites and other animal-related injuries. It is believed to be caused by the animal's stress or anxiety due to the environment.
- Even animals located in car parks some distance from the track may be adversely affected by noise, vibrations, fumes, and unfamiliar conditions.

We understand that some may feel strongly about bringing animals to events, but the only responsible course of action is to prohibit them entirely, except in the case of legally recognised assistance animals.

### **4. Definition of an Assistance Animal**

For the purposes of this policy, an *assistance animal* (as defined under the DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1992 - SECT 9) is a dog or other animal:

- accredited under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the accreditation of animals trained to assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effect of the disability; or
- accredited by an animal training organisation
- trained:
  - to assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effect of the disability; and
  - to meet standards of hygiene and behaviour that are appropriate for an animal in a public place.

### **5. Permitted Assistance Animals**

Sydney Dragway complies with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 by recognising the rights of individuals to be accompanied by a legally recognised assistance animal.

Assistance animals are welcome at the venue but if you plan to attend with an assistance animals, please note the following:

- Pre-Arrival Notification
  - We strongly recommend that you contact the Sydney Dragway office via Email or Phone in

advance of your visit to help us prepare for your arrival.

- Designated Exclusion Zone
  - Assistance animals are strictly prohibited from entering the Exclusion zone at all times. This includes the trackside viewing area, racing tunnels, staging lanes, scrutineering area, return road parallel to the racing surface, the burnout area. Map is attached for reference.
  - The exclusion zone areas may change depending on the event. Please visit the event map and/or speak to event staff on arrival.
- Identification Requirements
  - Valid identification must be provided for both the assistance animal and its handler upon entry.
  - Animals in training or without recognised accreditation will not be permitted.
- Waste Disposal
  - Handlers are responsible for the immediate and proper disposal of any waste.
- Do Not Leave Animals Unattended
  - Under no circumstances should assistance animals be left unattended in vehicles or public areas.
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## 6. Breaches of the policy

Any breach of this policy including misrepresentation of pets as assistance animals may result in:

- Immediate removal from the venue
- Cancellation of admission tickets
- Reporting to the relevant authorities, including the NSW Police, local council, or animal welfare agencies

For questions about this policy or require assistance during your visit, please contact the Sydney Dragway office by phone or email in advance or speak to the Operations and Events Manager on arrival.

Sydney Dragway is where excitement lives—but safety comes first.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making this a safe and inclusive event for all.

## Exclusion areas map for Assistance Animals for Sydney Dragway events:

