

# K-9 REHABILITATION LTD TOY POLICY



- **If you want your dog to come with a toy, please read the following:**
- Toys should be routinely checked for any damage, splintering or wear. Special attention should be paid to ensure the toy has not become worn to the point of becoming too small, a choking or ingesting hazard. Some dogs are strong chewers and will destroy even the strongest, safest toys.
- **SAFETY:** There are many factors that contribute to the safety or danger of a toy. Many of those factors are dependent upon your dog's size, activity level and play style. Although we cannot guarantee your dog's enthusiasm or his safety with any specific toy, we can offer the following guidelines:
- Toys should be appropriate for your dog's current size. Balls and other toys that are too small can be easily swallowed or become lodged in your dog's mouth or throat.
- Avoid or alter any toys that are not "dog-proof" by removing ribbons, strings, eyes or other parts that could be chewed off and ingested.
- Monitor your dog's toys and discard any toy that starts to break into pieces or has pieces torn off
- Ask your veterinarian about the safety of items like bones, hooves, pig's ears and rawhides **(A BIG NO!)** Very hard rubber toys are safer and last longer.
- Take note of any toy that contains a "squeaker" buried in its centre. Your dog may feel that he must find and destroy the squeak source and could ingest it, in which case squeaking toys should be given only under supervision.
- If you're bringing your dog into our care with a toy. They will only be allowed to play with it when in a separate area away from the pack. This is to eliminate any fights and fixations.
- We do strongly advise your dog doesn't come with a toy, as they're in our care to socialise or rehabilitate through training structures.
- We will allow your dog time with a toy if they're wanting downtime in a penned area, or wanting time away from the pack in a separate paddock.
- We can allow your dog time with a toy if we feel your dog needs some physical stimulation before coming into the pack. This is to calm their mindset down before entering the pack (this is more for the reactive dogs on their first day.)
- At the end of the day, we will disinfect the toy with pet friendly disinfectant before handing it back to owner.

Owner Name: .....

OWNER SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: .....