

Wye Valley Retriever Club

Health and Safety Policy Statement

Wye Valley Retriever Club recognises and accepts its responsibility as a working gundog club to members for ensuring safe and healthy training and competition places and environments for all its members and any other persons who maybe affected by the actions of the club. Safety is the prime consideration for the committee. We will apply this policy statement with due diligence to ensure full compliance with proactive safety management being pursued at all times.

Wye Valley Retriever Club will take steps within its power to meet this responsibility paying particular attention to the provision and maintenance of:-

Safe places to train/compete and safe access to them.

A safe and healthy training/competition environment.

Equipment and systems of training and competition that are safe.

Safe arrangements for the use, handling, storage and transport of articles used in training/competition.

Sufficient information, instruction, training and supervision to enable all members to avoid hazards and to contribute to their own safety and health whilst training.

Adequate welfare facilities.

Adequate First Aid facilities.

Additionally, Wye Valley Retriever Club will ensure an active regime of Risk Assessment is applied to all the activities carried out by our members in full compliance within the mandatory minimum regulations.

Signed

Morton Redpath (Chairman)	
Anna Yates (Treasurer)	
Jacki Addis (Secretary)	
John Jones	
Bernard Pound	
Roger Wiggins (Field Trial/Working Test	

Secretary)	
Brian Lambert	
Jean Tidmarsh	
Julia Redpath	
Claire Raymond	
Terry Dukes	
Kelly Stringfellow	

(The members of the WVRC committee)

RESPONSIBILITIES

Overall and final responsibility for health and safety is that of the club chairman (currently Mr. Morton Redpath)

In addition, to ensure that health and safety standards are maintained/improved the following people have responsibility in the following areas:-

Name(s)	Responsibility (this list provides guidance on responsibilities but is not comprehensive)
Bernard Pound	Carrying out risk assessments, reporting to the person with overall responsibility for health and safety, removal of hazard or the implementation of hazard controls, regular review of procedures.
Roger Wiggins, Bernard Pound	Maintenance of equipment and structures (Tent, trailer etc.)
Roger Wiggins, Jean Tidmarsh	Induction and any specific training, (e.g. for trainers) training records and monitoring progress
Bernard Pound, Jacki Addis, Kelly Stringfellow, Anna Yates	First aid personnel/appointed person; first aid boxes and their replenishment; recording accidents in the accident book; carrying out accident investigations and reporting injuries, disease and dangerous occurrences under RIDDOR
Bernard Pound	Ensure that appropriate action is taken, i.e. that the police or other appropriate authority is called, where there is a risk of malevolent action from anti fieldsports lobbyists. Inform Kennel Club/BASC/CA of the activities of anti fieldsports lobbyists
Bernard Pound	Formalising procedure(s)/protocols for Club activities (how people should behave when training/competing) basic safety etc, what to do in an emergency and who is responsible)

All members of the club

All those involved with club activities have legal responsibilities to take care of the health and safety of themselves and those who may be affected by what they do, and to cooperate in order to comply with the law. ALL those involved with the club should:-

- Co-operate on health and safety matters.
- Not interfere with anything provided to safeguard health and safety.
- Take reasonable care of their own health and safety.
- Report all health and safety concerns to an appropriate person (as detailed in this policy statement).
- Be observant at all times of the risk of malevolent action from anti fieldsports lobbyists. If anything unusual is observed, the circumstances should immediately be reported to:-

Health & Safety Chain of Command

The club chairman has overall responsibility, in partnership with the owner/agent of the land where the unusual circumstance is observed. However, if those persons cannot be contacted then you must contact one of the other committee members.