



REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURE

DISQUALIFICATION AND REINSTATEMENT

The EKC realizes that there may be various conditions that can lead to a dog's disqualification. Some dogs may qualify to return to participation if they meet the criteria set forth in the reinstatement procedure. This procedure explains the process of reinstatement and what the dog's owner must do should he or she apply to have their dog reinstated.

Disqualification Details

- A dog that is disqualified by a judge/host or the Board of Directors for attacking or injuring a person or a dog in the building or on the grounds during any formal or informal event of the EKC is ineligible to participate in any EKC event.
- When a judge/host disqualifies a dog, he or she completes a disqualification form and will later be questioned on the circumstances concerning the attack. This form is sent to the Secretary.
- The Secretary then sends the owner a letter explaining the dog's eligibility.

Reinstatement Procedure Details

The owner must send a letter requesting reinstatement to:

Erie Kennel Club
Attn: Secretary,
Post Office Box 2
Erie PA 16512

The letter should state the circumstances that led to the disqualification and why you feel the dog should be reinstated. You must include evidence of stability training such as successful obedience training or a Canine Good Citizen test completion. (A dog's prior record is not sufficient reason for reinstatement.)

1. The request for reinstatement and evidence of recent training, are sent to a dog evaluation committee. If the committee decides against reinstatement, you will receive written notification from the Secretary.
2. If the committee decides to allow the dog to return to club activities, a hands-on examination will be necessary for the final determination. You will be asked to provide a list of dates and times when you can present the dog for the purpose of the hands-on examination. A committee of three panel members will individually evaluate the dog in similar circumstances similar to those when it was disqualified
3. After the examination, the Secretary will notify you in writing about the final determination of your dog's eligibility
4. This is a thorough and time-consuming procedure; it can take four to six weeks to complete, as well as the time required to complete the applicable training. It is important that your dog be prepared for the reinstatement process because only one request for reinstatement will be processed on a disqualified dog.