



# Bahrain Rugby Football Club Bye-Law with Regard to Restrictions to be imposed on Dogs.

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## **Overview.**

This Bye-Law was discussed at the Interim Committees June 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting and formally adopted without challenge. It is based on the concerns of the Interim Committee with regard to the various Health and Safety issues that are known to exist and complaints regarding the behaviour of certain Dogs on the premises and their lack of supervision.

## **Dog Faeces and Muddy / Sandy Areas (Sports Pitches, Playgrounds etc).**

Whilst it is an undeniable fact that falling in dog faeces when playing sports is unwelcome and unpleasant it is also potentially dangerous.

The most common danger is Dog Roundworm (Toxocariasis or Vsceral Larva Migrans) which are commonly found in poorly wormed dogs and can infect human beings. Eggs of the worms are passed in an infected animals faeces, can survive in sand or dirt for in excess of three weeks, and are passed in to Humans by contact with the infected faeces or dirt to the hands and subsequently the mouth.

These worms hatch in the gut and can then pass in to the blood stream causing pneumonia, coughing, fever, a skin rash and possible Liver enlargement and damage.

The recovery time in most cases is 6 to 18 months, with a healthy person normally needing little or no medical treatment. However Vermox is often prescribed to speed the process up.



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### **Notice to Members.**

A Notice to members shall be sent via e-mail to all Bahrain RFC Members stating the following;

### **Restrictions on the access of Dogs to Playing Areas and the Bahrain RFC Clubhouse.**

It has been brought to the Committees attention that a considerable amount of Dog Faeces is being deposited on the Clubs Playing Surfaces. Members are reminded that potential hazards exist to sportsmen, women and in particular children from these faeces.

**As a result the Committee has decided to ban all dogs from the playing areas of the club with immediate effect.**

Further complaints have been made with regard to potential health and safety issues with regards to dogs being in areas where food and beverages are commonly served and consumed, alongside a number of poorly controlled animals.

**As a result the Committee has decided to enforce a ban on all dogs from the Bahrain RFC Clubhouse with immediate effect.**

Members are reminded that if their dog is on Bahrain RFC's premises they should be on a lead and under the control of the member responsible at all times.

We would like to thank members for their cooperation in regard to this notice, and their assistance in safeguarding the health and safety of other Club Members.

***This Notice is to be sent out periodically, & to be displayed in the Reception Area of the Club.***



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### **Notices to be Posted in Bar & Restaurant Areas.**

- 1) Displayed in all Areas near tills and above bar.*

Bahrain Rugby Football Club  
Reminds members that Dogs are not allowed  
in the Bahrain RFC Clubhouse or on the playing surfaces.

### **Notice to be Posted in Reception.**

- 1) Displayed on Notice Board near Entrance.*

Bahrain Rugby Football Club  
Reminds members that Dogs should be kept on a lead,  
Are not permitted on any of the Club's Playing Surfaces,  
Or inside the Clubhouse.



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## **Notices to Staff Members.**

### **Notices and Instructions to Bahrain RFC Security Staff.**

- 1) Bahrain RFC Security Personnel must read this Bye-Law and sign to state that they fully understand it prior to working inside the Club.
- 2) If you see a member of the club walking his/her dog on the Rugby Pitches, the netball courts and or in the new children's play area you should immediately remind the member that dogs are not permitted to be in this area and ask them to leave.
- 3) If you see a member of the club allowing his/her dog to run free (i.e. the Dog is not on a lead etc) you should immediately remind the member that dogs are not permitted to roam freely within the Club's premises and ask them to put the dog on a lead immediately.
- 4) If you see a member of the club with his/her dog inside the Bahrain RFC Clubhouse you should immediately remind the member that dogs are not permitted to be in this area and ask them to leave.
- 5) If a member refuses to cooperate with you, or is persistently in violation of this rule you should report them to the Club's Executive Committee or Management for further action.

***(You have the backing of the Club, and the Law to refuse. There will be no comeback if you follow these rules, ONLY IF YOU DO NOT!)***



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### **Notices and Instructions to all other Bahrain RFC.**

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***If you do not wish to talk to the member directly or do not feel confident enough in your English to do so please raise the matter with either BRFC Security, BRFC Management personnel or a members of the Executive Committee immediately!***

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## **Instructions to all Bahrain RFC Management and Executive Committee Members.**

It is important that we totally back the Staff in the enforcement of this bye-law, only by empowering them can we hope to have it properly enforced.

In the event that a mistake is made, please do not chastise the Staff member in public as this will undermine both their confidence and their authority in front of members.