



# GRASSHOPPERS

Rugby • Netball • Social



Members & Visitors please note:

## **DOGS ON THE PREMISES**

For the safety of ALL members, but particularly players, Grasshoppers Sports Club have a rule that means **NO DOGS** (except assistance dogs) are allowed within the grounds.

Rugby is a sport where players are often in contact with ground and mud, we cannot accept any risk of infection from dog faeces, even the small amount left by those responsible owners who clean up after their dogs.

The rule exists because dog faeces are associated with a number of transmissible diseases and infections (ie. Toxocariasis) which can cause blindness amongst players of all ages, but particularly amongst the children in the Junior & Mini Sections. Also Atopic Dermatitis is a more common allergy linked to dogs.

The club also acknowledges other families (and individuals) can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening.

Additionally the clubhouse is a food and drink area and as such Grasshoppers must ensure that there are adequate procedures in place to prevent domestic animals from having access to places where food is prepared, handled and/or stored.

**Please respect this rule and don't bring dogs onto the grounds or into the clubhouse.**

**The Executive Committee**

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*Note: All accredited assistance dog owners will have been issued with an Assistance Dogs (UK) branded ID book.*