



Woodstock United Soccer Association (WUSA) has instituted a NO dog policy at all WUSA events, including practices, effective immediately. We realize that many of our members are responsible dog owners and enjoy bringing their pets to the soccer fields. However, for liability reasons, and at the suggestion of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (the regulating body of youth soccer in the State of Illinois and the provider of WUSA's insurance), we have been encouraged to adopt a policy that prohibits people from bringing their dogs to scheduled practices and games, as well as any other league sponsored/sanctioned events. Service Dogs will be allowed. But a "Service Dog" team must conduct themselves in a suitable manner reflective of a working "Service Dog" team.

Should an incident involving pets occur; it is the pet owner's homeowner's insurance policy that is the first recourse for damage claims resulting from the incident. If the IYSA insurance provider should be required to settle any liability damages due to inadequate or non-existent coverage by the pet owner, the IYSA and their insurance provider may seek restitution of paid damages from the pet owners themselves.

A WUSA representative (board member, coach, or referee) will request the removal of any dog from a WUSA event and is authorized to halt a game until the request is complied with. Please respect WUSA's No Dog policy and help insure a safe, non-distracting, and sanitary environment for the participants, coaches, and spectators.