

# How To Run A Growl

HELP !!!



# Communication



- **Date and location.** Always set the date and location of your next Growl, before you end a Growl. Minimum of four Growls per year.
- **Make sure the location is still locked on for the scheduled time and date.**
- **Heads Up! Contact your Dogs!** Email, text message, phone call and create a Facebook “event”, at least a week prior to the Growl.
- **Contact all Pound Officers.** If any will be unable to attend, find a volunteer to cover their Office during the Growl.
- **Bark with the Dog Robber and Mad Dog about any Mongrels.** Has all paperwork been completed?
- **Contact the Mongrels and ensure they are prepared for their Initiation and Obligation.**

# Prepare



- Review the Scratchings of the previous Growl. Create an agenda. List the Unfinished Business, New Business, Good of the Order and Announcements that need to be covered.
- Ensure any certificates or awards you plan to present are ready.
- Check in with the Jr. Vice Pound Keeper on their plan for entertainment and fun for the Growl. Verify the status of current fundraisers.
- Check in with the Mad Dog on their plan for the initiation of any Mongrels.
- Check in with the Dog Trainer. Have any Dogs passed away? Will you need to hold a Memorial Service?
- Check in with the Dog Robber about any Big Bones you plan to spend.

# Set up for the Growl



- Arrive early on the day of the Growl.
- Make sure you have a Quorum. The Kennel Bylaws require a minimum of five Dogs to hold a Growl.
- The Police Dog must have the Colors, Bible, Bone (gavel) and Charter (or a certified copy).
- The Pound Keeper should have the current MODD Ritual. The Growl will run better if all Pound Officers have their own copy.
- The Smart Dog should have a current copy of the Bylaws for the Pound, Pack and Kennel.
- The Mad Dog should have a current copy of the MODD Handbook.

# Set up for the Growl



- The Watch Dog's post is at the entrance and they must verify that every Dog has their MCL Cover with MODD patch, MODD Collar with properly engraved MODD Dog Tag and MODD Passport.
- Have a dated sign in sheet. Degree, name, MODD Dog Tag number, MODD Offices currently held and a section for visiting Dogs.
- The Dog Robber will verify that each Dog has a current MCL membership card and a current MODD membership card. They will also ensure that the MODD Passport is filled out correctly. A Passport fine may be levied for an improperly filled out Passport.
- The Dog Robber will stamp each Passport. The Cost of the stamp is one Big Bone.

# The Growl



- Start the Growl on time.
- The Scratchings will be kept by the Dog Robber or a Dog they designate.
- Opening Ceremony. Follow the Ritual.
  - The MODD does not recite the Pledge of Allegiance while covered, during a Growl.
- Roll Call of Officers.
  - Each Officer will stand and Report as a Dog.
    - Example:
    - WOOF WOOF Madame Pound Keeper. (Wait for the response WOOF WOOF)
    - DD Joe Blow
    - 21-123
    - Hard Dogs
    - Pound 123
    - North Dakota Pack
    - Sir Mad Dog
    - WOOF WOOF



# The Growl



- **Recognition of Dignitaries. Kennel, Pack and Pound.**
  - **Each Dignitary will stand and Report as a Dog.**
    - **Honorable Chief Devil Dog.**
    - **Honorable Past Chief Devil Dogs.**
    - **Kennel Officers.**
    - **Past Kennel Dog Robbers.**
    - **Worthy Pack Leader.**
    - **Worthy Past Pack Leaders.**
    - **Pack Officers.**
    - **Dogs of the Year.**
      - **Kennel.**
      - **Pack.**
      - **Pound.**

# The Growl



- **Scratchings of the previous Growl.**
  - Any additions or corrections to the Scratchings of the previous Growl?
  - Motion to accept.
  - Second on the Motion.
  - Discussion.
  - Vote.
- **Memorial Service, if any Dogs have passed away since the last Growl.**
- **Sickness or in Distress. The Dog Trainer must know their Dogs.**
- **Reports. All Officers, Dog Robber's Report and any Committees.**
- **Unfinished Business. Anything from the previous Growl.**
- **New Business. Any Business requiring a vote.**



# The Growl



- **Special Business. Elections. Membership Applications.**
  - Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers.
    - Pound Elections are held during the 3 months following the Supreme Growl.
  - Balloting on Membership Applications and Transfers.
  - Initiation of Mongrels and Obligation to the degree of Pup.
- **Good of the Order.**
  - Awards.
  - Professional development/training.
  - Contests, games, shenanigans and FUN!
- **Announcements.**
  - Set the time, date and location for your next Growl.
  - Dates and information about upcoming events.
- **Closing Ceremony.**

# After the Growl



- **Count those Bones!**
- **The Dog Robber should total up the Bones going directly to the Kennel. These must be sent to the Honorable Dog Robber “IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EVERY GROWL”.**
  - **Passport Fines.** Any fines for improperly filled out Passports.
  - **Passport Stamps.** The one Big Bone each Dog pays for a Passport Stamp.
  - **Direct Donations.** Contributions to the Kennel Children’s Hospital Donation. (Passport Fund).
- **All other fines, fees, collections, etc. collected during the course of the Growl, belong to the Pound. The manner in which these Bones are used, will be determined by a vote of the membership.**

# Notes...



- The Military Order of the Devil Dogs is the FUN and Honor Society of the Marine Corps League. Our Order was created to allow members to take a break from the seriousness and solemnity of the MCL. A Growl should be FUN. If your Dogs are not having a few laughs, then everyone is missing the entire purpose of the MODD.
- All perspective members must be invited to join by at least two members of the Pound, who must be DDs or PDDs.
  - Be very selective about who you invite to join our Order. If a perspective member does not have a good sense of humor and cannot laugh at themselves, they will never fully enjoy the MODD.
  - We are looking for the most motivated, dedicated and active members of the MCL.

# Notes...



- The Dog Robber is the key to a successful Pound. This is an Appointed Office. The Pound needs the best Dog for the job.
- The Dog Robber must process all paperwork in a timely fashion.
  - Membership Applications.
  - Transmittals.
  - Applications for Advancement.
  - Transfer Requests.
  - IRS 990s.
  - Registration with your state for Incorporation. (Business License).
  - Officer Installation Reports.
  - Maintaining an accurate Pound Roster.
- The Pound Keeper is responsible for holding the Officers accountable.

# Notes...



- Encourage your Dogs to register their email address on the Kennel website: [MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org](http://MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs.org)
- Follow the Kennel Facebook page: [Military Order of the Devil Dogs-Kennel](https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryOrderoftheDevilDogs-Kennel).
- Read:
  - Bylaws. Pound, Pack and Kennel.
  - MODD Handbook.
  - MODD Ritual.
  - Dog Robbers Manual.
- The Pack Staff are there to help you. Reach out before a small problem becomes a BIG problem.
- The Kennel Staff are some of the most experienced Dogs in our Order. They want to help you. If you have a question, ASK !

# Notes...



- Ensure the Sr. Vice Pound Keeper is prepared to conduct a Growl in the absence of the Pound Keeper. Growls should not be rescheduled if the Pound Keeper is unable to attend.
- There are four types of Pound Growls. The Kennel Bylaws state that you must hold a minimum of four Growls per year. Staff Growls do not count.
  - Regular Growl.
  - Staff Growl. Only the Pound Staff. This meeting of the Pound Officers is for planning purposes.
  - Special. This is an unscheduled Growl. Refer to the Kennel Bylaws. Section 205. Subsection C.
  - Annual. The Growl is held in the three months following the Supreme Growl. This is when your Pound Election of Officers is held. Remember that the Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers is conducted at this Growl.



# Notes...



- **Two sensitive subjects.**
  - **Fines.** A fine should not be construed as a “punishment.” A Dog should view a fine as a “Badge of Honor,” for being an active participant in the Growl. Remember, we are at a Growl to have fun. **KNOW YOUR DOGS!** Never fine more than a Dog can afford. It is wise to limit fines to a maximum of two Big Bones at a time. You may fine the same Dog repeatedly, but not excessively. Use some common sense.
  - **Alcohol.** The MODD is NOT a “Drinking Society.” No one likes to go to a Growl with an obnoxious drunk. If you need to be intoxicated to have a good time, you need to stay home. The MODD Ritual states: No Candidate be permitted to take the Initiation of any Degree if intoxicated.” Use some common sense.