



Chat Rules

Discourse is a cornerstone of community. It is a place where we can share our trials and triumphs, support each other and build ourselves, others, and the community as a whole, up. This is why we have created two Chat groups for these reasons: a Safe for Work chat and a Not Safe for Work chat. CAL-PaH is dedicated to providing safer, accountable spaces, and that includes online spaces. As such, we ask that you please be responsible and respectful of the others while participating within the chat room. Your conduct should involve common sense, be polite and courteous, and follow the guidelines below.

General Chat Rules

Chat rules are strictly enforced and hold a zero-tolerance policy for violations of the rules outlined below. Once read please reach out to one of the @admins to be added to the Chats. General Chat rules apply to both the "Safe for Work" (SFW) Awoo Alley chat and "Not Safe for Work" (NSFW) CAL-PaH After Bark chat.

1. All members must be at least 18 years of age upon joining the chat.
2. Discrimination is not welcome in this chat. This includes discrimination of biological sex, gender identity, gender expression, pronouns, race, ethnicity, physical ability, mental ability, relationships, relationship status, religion, fetishes, interests or sexuality/sexual orientation.
3. This chat is still a body positive place. There is to be no body or fat shaming in the chats.
4. Respect the opinions and practices of others in the room. Even if there is disagreement, one can still be polite.
5. We encourage healthy debate. To keep the debate healthy however, it needs to be done respectfully. If a debate has reached a destructive point, moderators will ask to move on from the topic, or to take the current topic into a private chat.
6. The use of rude or abusive language, hate speech, defamation, shaming, argumentum ad hominem, intolerant language, blatantly insensitive remarks, purposely annoying comments are not acceptable.
7. Likewise, trolling, the act of distracting and sowing discord by posting inflammatory, digressive, off-topic messages is strictly forbidden. This can lead to Flaming as well, which is also not allowed.
8. Flaming, posting a provocative or offensive content with the purpose of provoking a hostile response, is not allowed.
9. Doxing and/or outing of person(s) is also unacceptable. Posting private conversations, and/or personal information without the explicit consent of all those involved is strictly prohibited.
10. For personal safety reasons, it is advised against disclosing your real name (specifically your last name), home address, and telephone number. If this information has to be exchanged, we ask that it takes place in private message, and not in the group chat.
11. We ask that spamming is kept to a minimum, as it disrupts the flow of conversation. This applies to text, emoticons, stickers and GIFs.
12. There is some politeness when it comes to posting and discussion. Please do your best to engage in conversation, and not simply interrupt it. This includes posting pictures.



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Awoo Alley Rules

Awoo Alley is a Safe for Work Chat. Awoo Alley follows all general rules, disciplinary action and safer spaces guidelines as mentioned. The following rules also apply but solely to the SFW Awoo Alley chat.

1. As a SFW chat, no nudity or suggestive content is allowed. Material that is pet play in nature are allowed as long as they are not overtly sexual, and no private parts are showing (this unfortunately includes any nipples). In addition, this applies to all forms of art: photography, video, drawing and otherwise.
2. Talk pertaining to gender identity, gear, LGBTQ* matters and such is allowed as long as it doesn't become overtly sexual. We realize this is still fetish-based community, but the purpose of this chat is not a sexualizing one.

CAL-PaH After Bark Rules

CAL-PaH After Bark is a Not Safe for Work Chat. CAL-PaH After Bark all general rules, disciplinary action and safer spaces guidelines as mentioned. The following rules also apply but solely to the NSFW CAL-PaH After Bark chat.

1. As a NSFW chat, nudity and suggestive content is allowed (including any and all nipples)! This applies to all forms of art: photography, video, drawing, etc. However, some content is not allowed. This includes material of bestiality, pedophilia, Nazi, murder, racist material, sexualized or otherwise in nature.
2. We also realized some people are not all into the same things. As such, while things like blood play, piercing, scarification, diapers are allowed, it is polite to give a warning beforehand.
3. Even though discussions of a sexual nature are allowed in this chat, consent is still important. If someone wishes not to be hit on, sexualized or objectified (we do realize some people enjoy humiliation and objectification) do not do so to them.
4. There will be no kink shaming allowed. If content arises that is allowed, but you personally do not like or engage in, you can simply not engage with the material or the discussion and come back to the chat at a later time. There is no need for comments of displeasure like "eww", for this reason. Please also note General Chat Rule #12 when it comes to this as well.

Creating a safer space

Emotions, even negative ones, are valid, and we do not wish to invalidate feelings. Part of building community is being there for one another. Community is listening to, supporting and helping each other when we are able. Safer space guidelines apply to both the SFW Awoo Alley chat and NSFW CAL-PaH After Bark chat.



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1. Self deprecation is normal, and in smaller quantities can be used as a way of dealing with stress. It can become unhealthy though. We ask that self-deprecating comments, if used, be kept light-hearted.
2. Hyperbole comments that are references to self harm or afflictions that people may have, will not be tolerated. Such comments include as "If A happens, I'll shoot myself" or "I'm triggered". This is because such comments, when used as a hyperbole, downplay the serious topics and conditions that they refer to.
3. If you are in need and think you need help, please reach out to someone you trust. If you reach out to one of the board members, they will help within their capacity.

Please try and limit negative comments as these have a tendency not to help anyone's trading. Alternatively, try to put the comment in a positive light. The use of negative metaphors has a tendency to amplify negative emotions.

Disciplinary Action

These are the methods in which chat admins will deal with infractions to the rules. Disciplinary actions apply to both the SFW Awoo Alley chat and NFSW CAL-PaH After Bark chat.

1. Moderators reserve the right to remove anyone from the room for violating any of these guidelines or for any other behavior that is deemed to be inappropriate.
2. Violations of the above-mentioned rules will be met with disciplinary action at the discretion of the CAL-PaH board.
 - a. Violation of the above-mentioned rules can and will be met with:
 - i. X number of Hour(s) and/or day(s) banning. Length of ban will be determined based on a vote among board members of CAL-PaH.
 - ii. *Any one that continues to exhibit any violations slated above could be met with permanent removal of any and/or all Chat rooms currently being ran by CAL-PaH.
 - iii. *Membership(s) of the person(s) in violation may be suspended based on severity of violations.

All regulations and bylaws CAL-PaH apply to these rules. If there is a conflict between these rules and those of CAL-PaH bylaws, those of the CAL-PaH bylaws, as the case may be, prevail. These rules are subject to change.

**In the event of a permanent ban and/or removal of membership(s) CAL-PaH Chats and/or Events; no refunds for memberships will be issued.*