

Dogs A.C.T.

A.C.T Canine Association inc.

Dogs A.C.T Regulations - Part 3 - Memberships.

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To be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the ACT Canine Association.

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3.1 Membership of Dogs A.C.T:

- a) A person cannot exhibit, handle or officiate at any Dogs A.C.T exhibition or event, participate in ACT breeding activities, unless that person is a financial member of Dogs A.C.T or of an ANKC recognised State Canine Control.
- b) A person must be a full member (Ordinary or Honorary Life member) to hold a position of office bearer with any Dogs A.C.T affiliated club or association.
- c) A person is qualified to be a member of Dogs A.C.T if the person is a person referred to in section 21 (2) (a), or (b) of the Association Incorporation ACT 1991 and has not ceased to be a member of the Association at any time after incorporation of the Association under the Act; or
- d) The person has nominated for membership in accordance with these regulations and has been approved for membership of the Association by the Dogs A.C.T Council.
 1. Membership of Dogs A.C.T shall not be restricted to residents of the ACT.
 2. Dual membership may be accepted from any two persons residing at the same address.
 3. ACT residents shall provide proof of residency.
 4. Where a member nominates a postal address other than their residential address, the Administrator shall require the member to state their residential address. (Such in the case of a Post Office box, the required information can be presented in the form of a statutory declaration, utility bills which show the residential address or any other lawful document showing the residential address of the member).

3.2 Current Financial Members:

Current financial Dogs A.C.T membership is required to be able to:

1. Register a kennel prefix with Dogs A.C.T - providing they are a resident of the ACT; and over the age of 18 years; and has been a financial member for a period of not less than 12 months;
2. Renew a kennel prefix annually;
3. Own a stud dog recorded on service certificates (except interstate owners of stud dogs) and must be 18 years of age or over;
4. Enter and/or handle dogs at shows, trials or parades conducted in the ACT, except for juveniles in the care of adults. Interstate residents must be financial members of the body controlling canine activities

in their State or Territory of residence;

5. Be a committee member of an affiliated club if resident in the ACT;
6. Be a judge on an official ACTCA/ANKC panel; and
7. Steward at an official event in the ACT if resident in the ACT.

3.3 New Memberships:

- a) All new members of Dogs A.C.T must sign a membership application form when joining whereby they agree to be bound by the Constitution of Dogs A.C.T; the Rules and Regulations of Dogs A.C.T; the Code of Ethics as set out in these regulations; and will comply with all ACT Government laws concerned with the registration of dogs.
- b) And declare that they have never been convicted under the Cruelty to Animals Act in any State or Territory or that they are not currently under investigation or suspension by another Member Body of the Australian National Kennel Council.

3.4 Nomination for Membership:

- a) A nomination of a person for membership of Dogs A.C.T shall be made in writing on the appropriate form and on payment of the joining fee and the annual subscription in advance, lodged with the Dogs A.C.T Administrator and subject to approval by the Dogs A.C.T Council.
- b) As soon as is practicable after receiving a nomination for membership, the Administrator shall refer the nomination to the Dogs A.C.T Council which shall determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- c) Where the Council determines to approve a nomination for membership, the Administrator shall as soon as practicable after those determinations notify the nominee of that approval. The Administrator shall then enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee shall become a member of the Association.

3.5 Membership Renewal:

- a) Membership with Dogs A.C.T (unless a honorary life membership) is for the calendar period of 12 months and shall be renewed every 12 months to retain the benefits as listed in Section 3.2 of this regulation.
- b) All people renewing membership with Dogs A.C.T agree by renewing, to be bound by the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Association and the Code of Ethics.
- c) All previous members whose membership has lapsed shall pay a joining fee in addition to their membership subscription.
- d) All honorary life members who hold judging qualifications or a breeders prefix, must renew these membership entitlements every 12 months.

3.6 Prefixes and Judging Qualifications:

- a) Prefixes must be linked to a continuous financial membership and any period on non-membership must be paid in full before a prefix is renewed following that period of unfinancial membership.
- b) Judges qualifications must be linked to a continuous financial membership and any period on non-membership must be paid in full before the Judges qualifications are renewed following that period of unfinancial membership.

3.7 Registration of animals:

- a) The cancellation of the registration of a member's dog(s) will be at the discretion of Dogs A.C.T if the member is unfinancial.
- b) Any award or challenge point earned during the period of the unfinancial membership will not be recognised by Dogs A.C.T and shall not be accepted towards any Title or Championship.

3.8 Memberships classifications: (Amended 8.12.10)

Ordinary Single:	<p>1 x Person over 18 Years of age.</p> <p>They will have all the benefits, rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules upon such person.</p>
Ordinary Dual:	<p>2 x Persons residing at the same residence.</p> <p>They will have all the benefits, rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules upon such person.</p>
Concession:	<p>Must be an ACT resident.</p> <p>Must produce an eligible Concession Cards being: A Pension Concession Card from Centrelink (Australian Govt); Any type of Concession Card from Dept of Veteran’s Affairs (Aust. Govt); Commonwealth Seniors Health Card from Centrelink (Australian Govt).</p> <p>Note: that a Centrelink Health Card is NOT acceptable, must produce a Pensioner or Disability Health card.</p>
Junior Member:	<p>* If you are between 12 and 18 years of age, you can have your own Dogs ACT junior membership.</p> <p>* If you are between seven and 11 years old, your parent or guardian must be a Dogs ACT member for you to participate.</p> <p>For persons 12 years and under 18 years of age -</p> <p>Shall be entitled to register a dog purchased by them as is eligible for such registration, to show or trial dogs registered in their name, handle dogs registered to other members, be a member of the Junior Kennel Club and make application to Dogs ACT for Champion or other titles.</p> <p>Junior membership shall not confer any other benefit, right or privilege (as for an ordinary or honorary life membership) under these rules or Dogs A.C.T Constitution.</p> <p>Junior members are not permitted to hold a prefix and statutorily not allowed to sign documents.</p> <p>Where the child is less than 12 years of age and their parent/guardian hold a financial Ordinary membership, they shall be entitled to handle dogs or show or trial dogs registered to that Ordinary membership. This is conditional upon the parent/guardian being an ordinary or life member, AND being present at that exhibition or trial and accepting the responsibility for the actions of the child.</p>
Associate Member:	<p>Interstate member who must be a member of another State Canine Control.</p> <p>Not entitled to - Vote at any meeting of Dogs ACT. Be elected or appointed to any office of Dogs ACT. Be an office bearer of any Dogs A.C.T affiliated club or association. Register a kennel prefix or apply for the registration of any puppies bred.</p>
Journal Membership:	<p>For Dogs A.C.T journal only.</p>
Honorary Life:	<p>Permanent or Life membership.</p> <p>They will have all the benefits, rights and privileges conferred by the Constitution and these Rules upon such person.</p> <p>Dogs A.C.T may on the nomination of the Council create Honorary Life Members of the Association as a mark of appreciation for service or other sufficient cause, but not more than one Honorary Life Membership shall be conferred in any one year. Honorary Life</p>

Members shall enjoy all privileges and benefits of ordinary members of Dogs A.C.T but shall not be liable to pay an annual membership subscription.

Complimentary: For Dogs A.C.T journal only, for other State Canine Controls, President of the ANKC, Libraries and other organisations at the discretion of the Dogs A.C.T Council.

NOTE: For the purpose of these Regulations, persons under the age of eighteen (18) are considered to be a juvenile.

3.9 Membership entitlements not transferable:

Membership entitlements are a right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of Dogs A.C.T, and is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person and terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

3.10 Cessation of membership:

A person ceases to be a member of Dogs A.C.T if the person dies or, in the case of a body corporate, is wound up; resigns from membership of Dogs A.C.T; is expelled from Dogs A.C.T or any other ANKC member body; or fails to renew membership of Dogs A.C.T.

3.11 Resignation of membership:

- a) A member is not entitled to resign from membership of Dogs A.C.T except in accordance with this rule.
- b) A member who has paid all amounts payable by the member to Dogs A.C.T may resign from membership of Dogs A.C.T by first giving notice (being not less than 1 month or, if the council has determined a shorter period, that shorter period) in writing to Dogs A.C.T Administrator of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
- c) Where a person ceases to be a member, the Administrator shall make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

3.12 Fees, subscriptions etc:

- a) The Dogs A.C.T Council shall determine the entrance fee to the Association.
- b) The Dogs A.C.T Council shall determine the annual membership fee of the Association.
- c) The annual membership fee is payable before the anniversary of their membership.

3.13 Disciplining of members:

- a) Members shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Code of Ethics of Dogs A.C.T and shall not conduct themselves in such a manner as to bring Dogs A.C.T into disrepute or to bring themselves as a breeder, owner, exhibitor, handler, show official, judge or as a member into discredit.
- b) A member shall not knowingly enter a dog in, or exhibit, officiate or judge at, or in any way support or patronise an exhibition or any canine activity which is not conducted under and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Dogs A.C.T, or in accordance with the Aims and Objectives, or of another recognised controlling body; or has previously been declared "unrecognised" by the Council of Dogs A.C.T.
- c) Where The Dogs A.C.T Council is of the opinion that a member has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision of these regulations or has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of Dogs A.C.T, the Council may, by resolution expel the member from Dogs A.C.T or suspend the member from such rights and privileges of membership of Dogs A.C.T as the Council may determine for a specified period.