

DOGS ACT - OBEDIENCE JUDGES TRAINING COURSES - 2013

Courses for aspirant Obedience Judges will be run in 2013.

With the exception of applications for the CCD/Novice course, applications for acceptance on an Obedience Judges course should be made by 31 March 2013 on the appropriate form.

Applications for the CCD/Novice course are required to undertake a preliminary entrance test based on the General Section of the *Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials* and should submit applications by the end of February 2013.

Application forms are available from the Dogs ACT Office or the Dogs ACT web site (see links below).

Courses will commence in April 2013 and finish in late October/early November with theory and practical examinations.

Course fee of \$55.00 to be included with the relevant application form.

Details of the course syllabus and timetable will be issued to approved applicants.

The standard qualifications for all levels of Aspirant Obedience Judges are:

- (i) Have been a Member of either the ACTCA or another Controlling Body for at least five (5) years and be a current ACTCA Member,
- (ii) Be at least 21 years of age,
- (iii) Be a resident of the ACT,
- (iv) Be on the ACTCA Obedience Stewards Panel (or other equivalent Controlling Body Panel),
- (v) Be on the ACTCA Obedience Instructors Panel,

Specific requirements for each course are set out below.

1. CCD/NOVICE COURSE

<http://www.dogsact.org.au/Documents/Obedience%20Novice%20application.pdf>

- 1.1 Applicant has been a 'qualified*' and active instructor at a minimum of Novice level in an Affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding the application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required; **OR**
- 1.2 Applicant can demonstrate ongoing experience and skills in personal training and trialling a dog to obedience titles. (Supporting evidence required);
- 1.3 Applicant has personally trained and trialled a dog to its Novice title;
- 1.4 Applicant has stewarded at least three (3) official Novice trials.

2. OPEN

<http://www.dogsact.org.au/Documents/Obedience%20Open%20application.pdf>)

- 2.1 Applicant holds an ANKC Novice Judges Licence;

2.2 Applicant has been a 'qualified*' and active instructor at a minimum of Open level in an Affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding the application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required,

2.3 Applicant has personally trained and trialled a dog to its CDX title

2.4 Applicant has stewarded at least three (3) official Open trials.

3. UTILITY

<http://www.dogsact.org.au/Documents/Obedience%20Utility%20application.pdf>

3.1 Applicant holds an ANKC Open Judges licence;

3.2 Applicant has been a qualified and active instructor at Open or higher levels in an affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding this application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required;

3.3 Applicant has **either**

(a) personally trained and trialled a dog to its UD title **OR**

(b) has personally trained a dog to Utility level and has trialled the dog in official Obedience Trials in the Utility ring on at least three (3) occasions.

4. UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT

<http://www.dogsact.org.au/Documents/Obedience%20Utility%20X%20application.pdf>

4.1 Applicant holds an ANKC UD Judges licence;

4.2 Applicant has been **either**

(a) a qualified and active instructor at Open or higher levels in an affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding this application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required; **OR**

(b) applicant can demonstrate ongoing experience and skills in personal training and trialling a dog to obedience titles (Supporting evidence required);

4.3 Applicant **either**

(a) has personally trained and trialled a dog to its UDX title; **OR**

(b) has either personally trained a dog to Utility level and has trialled the dog in official Obedience Trials in the Utility ring on at least three (3) occasions.

Notes: *Qualified' means that the applicant must have successfully completed a formally structured Instructors Course which includes a course syllabus, lecture and theoretical and practical assessment.*