

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Do you have a brachycephalic dog?

If so, have you heard that the ANKC has purchased a BOAS Chamber & you are able to take advantage of it if you contact Vineyard Veterinary Clinic at Vineyard in Sydney? The chamber measures the respiratory flow characteristics & at present are seeing bulldogs, pugs and French bulldogs. If you wish to take advantage of this machine contact Vineyard Vets on (02) 9627 1257.

Assistance to Club Secretaries/Trial Managers

Dogs ACT wants to encourage its members to volunteer at more events & to this end we are currently writing & will be posting information on how to become a trial manager/show secretary & be able to run obedience trials and conformation shows. These 2 information sheets (one for dog sports & another for conformation shows) will assist anyone to become that efficient trial manager or show secretary we need. We will post the links to the documents once completed & uploaded.

Warmer weather brings snakes

SPRING & SUMMER bring snakes – Everyone is reminded as the weather warms up that snakes are starting to wake up & your snake proof fences and backyards need to be revisited. Don't forget to also not let your dogs go into undergrowth you don't know as there have been several cases of dogs being bitten by snakes when out walking around Canberra lately.

News laws and your dogs

You would be aware that the ACT Government is the first in Australia to determine that canines are 'sentient' beings. The laws in Canberra have strengthened & the government now has a 'no tolerance' approach for people to make sure that dogs are on a lead when needed, dogs are under control & ensure they are responsible dog owners. New penalties have been imposed & now there will be on the spot fines of \$250 with court penalties up to \$2400 if Canberra dog owners do not comply with the new regulations. The ACT Government has employed more rangers who will be out in the on-leash areas & around town issuing these fines if they see breaches.

There will also be 6 new locations for dog swimming, including areas of Lake Burley Griffin; these include Orana Bay in Yarralumla, Kurrajong Point beach in Weston Park, Lake Ginninderra & Diddams Close in Belconnen, Yerrabi Pond in Gungahlin & Lake Tuggeranong in Greenway. These new areas will be heavily signposted letting everyone know where the dogs can be let off-lead. There are now 130 hectares of off lead areas for pet owners to use.

Remember its **illegal** for dogs to be off lead except in designated areas.

Reminder to Clubs

Clubs are reminded that no ANKC title will be accepted by Dogs ACT unless they are on the ANKC official title document. Photocopies or paper copies cannot be accepted.

Saluki DNA in the UK

The UK Kennel Club have recently authorised a DNA test to assist with a disease in salukis. If interested read more about it here <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/press-releases/2019/september/new-dna-testing-scheme-for-the-saluki/>

Reporting of Incidents

All affiliates and members are reminded that all incidents or accidents which happen at your event must be reported to the Club or Trial Secretary on the same day of the event. There are Dogs ACT Representatives Report forms for both conformation & trial events located on the [website](#) or obtained from the office.

All Representative reports must be submitted to the Dogs ACT office with the paperwork from the events within 7 days after the event.

Contact with the Office

Dogs ACT office is open Tue/Wed/Thu from 9.30am to 2.30pm; email admin@dogsact.org.au; telephone (02) 6241 4404; PO Box 815, Dickson ACT 2602.

As a measure to improve accessibility for our Members, commencing in November we will be trialling one late night each month so that you can call in on the way home or after work to drop off paperwork. We will advise everyone of the first date here in an upcoming K9 Capers.

Upcoming Events - Oct

- Sat 19Oct – Dancing with Dogs Trial – ACT Multi Use facility Tuggeranong
- Sat 19Oct/Sun20Oct – ANKC Board Meeting & AGM – Brisbane
- Sat 26Oct – Double Obedience Trial – Tuggeranong Dog Training Club

Upcoming Events - Nov

- Sat 2Nov – Agility, Jumping & Games Trial – Companion Dog Club Narrabundah
- Sat 9Nov/Sun 10Nov – Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Ch Shows – Quokka Building EPIC
- Sat 9Nov – Conformation Stewards Course – Dogs ACT meeting rooms
- Sat 9Nov – Evening Obedience Trial – Companion Dog Club Narrabundah