

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Message from Dogs ACT President - Simon Mills

Members – Commencing now I am taking a leave of absence until further advised.

I will **not** be available for any Dogs ACT business by email or telephone but advise & encourage members for any Dogs ACT matters to contact the Office in the first instance or the Executive. Office hours & contact details for Dogs ACT office are at the end of this newsletter.

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Did you know about this?

Did you know that Dogs ACT now conducts Baby Puppy Pre-school? This service caters for existing members of Dogs ACT as well as the general public. It was developed following feedback from breeders & new puppy owners looking for a safe, effective & fun learning experience for owners & precious pups. Whilst the emphasis is on socialisation during the critical phase of a puppy's life, there is also plenty of information on learning & training techniques as well as general care, first aid & further dog related interests.

So, whether you are a seasoned breeder, trainer or owner, or a family that is new to having a puppy, then this is a great start for you all. The classes are held on a Thursday night from 6:30pm & runs for five weeks. The next session is due to commence on Thu 14th Nov & will finish just in time for Christmas. Cost are very competitive compared to similar programs run in the area and the facility is a dedicated space where other dogs are not permitted, so you know your puppy is safe.

If you would like more information about the program please contact Dogs ACT.

Are your microchip details up to date?

The microchip is an identifying integrated circuit which is about the size of a grain of rice & is placed under the skin of the dog. It becomes your pet's permanent method of electronic identification which would be used if your pet gets lost or stolen. When you get a new puppy the breeder, or yourself if you are a breeder, have to microchip each puppy in a litter. This number is unique & identifies only your specific pup. We often forget that the microchip in some dogs can move so get regular checks that the microchip is working & is the same number that was/is on your dog's paperwork. This is often done when your dog makes a vet visit.

What sport would your dog like to take part in?

Dogs ACT has affiliates who run many events annually. Each year or two it seems another discipline is added to the list of the fun things in which you & your dogs can take part, so there is going to be a sport for your dog that they thoroughly enjoy.

How many of these do you & your dog take part in – Obedience, Rally Obedience, Agility, Flyball, Conformation shows, Nosework, Dances with Dogs, Endurance, Lure Coursing, Trick Dogs, Earthdogs, Disc Dogs, Weight Pull, Sled Dog Racing, Dock Jumping, Track & Search, Tracking, Field Trials – phew just to name a few. Our clubs in Canberra have organised & successfully run most of these sports....if you want to see what kind of fun you can have check out our page called “ Dog Sports & Activities” on our website. Then get started – you will have an amazing load of fun & your dog will be better for it too.

Are you visiting Canberra from interstate?

Then you probably want to know where to stay while you participate in your favourite sport. We have a [page](#) on our website where we have tried to help by placing a few dog friendly places covering hotels/motels, caravan parks, bed & breakfast abodes, farm stays etc. Check out the page & if you know of more please let us know so we can add them to assist others.

EPIC showgrounds, where our office is located, also has camping facilities close to conformation shows but [pre-bookings](#) must be made prior to your attendance. You can bring your own caravan or tent or hire a caravan. For pre-bookings contact Dogs ACT office on admin@dogsact.org.au or telephone (02) 6241 4404 during office hours.

Rescue Clubs & Foster Homes

Do we have any rescue clubs in Canberra? Do you run a breed rescue home or are you willing to foster a dog on its way to its forever home? If so, we are looking for you! Dogs ACT will shortly return to the days of rescuing dogs which are surrendered to the pound & other shelters so that we can assist in giving them their forever home. However, we cannot do it without YOU!

Would you like to assist Dogs ACT? Then give us a call at the office, send us an email or put a post on our facebook page. We will need to get these dogs back into loving homes & people who want to care for them – could that be you?? We aim to revive this process in the New year 2020.

For our new pup owners

When you and/or your family get a new pup it's very exciting & you want to do the best for it. Before you have purchased the dog, you would have done your research about how long it was to be on its own at home, whether to get a puppy or an adult, do you have a secure backyard for playing in or is it all landscaped, & many other issues.

Here is some basic puppy must dos: Ensure you have looked into whether you are 'ready' for a dog, after all they are a lifetime commitment where most live until at least 12 years of age; which breed

would suit your lifestyle & premises; choosing a breeder to get a puppy; how you can be a responsible dog owner – Dogs ACT can help you with all of these.

Dogs ACT has a [page](#) on its website which covers the basics, what you need to know once the puppy or dog is home with you & also how to keep it healthy, occupied, & importantly having fun. Take a look & see what you can learn.

Your dog & the garden

Now that spring is here everyone's thoughts turn to gardening & the beautiful show of plants & bushes. However, did you know there are certain plants in your garden that are not only dangerous to older animals but toxic to your puppies. Take note of these & remember to check your garden for plants such as deadly nightshade, hemlock & mistletoe. Others are Bearded Iris, Oleander, Foxglove, Yew trees, Aconite, & anything with thorns such as roses, blackberry.

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 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
Sat 16Nov – Double Rally trials – Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Mitchell
Sat 23Nov/Sun 24Nov – Belconnen All Breeds Club 3 championship shows
Sat 23Nov – Double Rally Obedience Trials – Tuggeranong Dog Club Greenway
Mon 25Nov – Evening Agility & Jumping Trial – Belconnen Dog Obedience Club Mitchell

Full details of all events are located on our [website](#)