

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Specialty - under cover

Why not come to the biggest cavalier show in Australia? You will see 160 dogs of all four colours on display. There are two UK specialist judges who have come thousands of miles to get here.

Did you know that cavaliers were once prescribed by general practitioners as a remedy for a person's loneliness; did you know that they are in many works of art from the 16th-18th centuries, including those by Van Dyck, Titian & Gainsborough? There is so much more to know about this delightful happy dog. Come along to the Quokka Pavilion, Exhibition Park in Canberra on **Sat 9th & Sun 10th November**. Details can be found [here](#). No admission fee – come & chat with breeders.

Conformation Stewards Course - apply now!

Did you want to take the next Conformation Stewards Course? Then send in your expression of interest NOW to the Dogs ACT office. The course will take place on Sat 9th November starting at 9am until 4pm. The course is completed on the same day as a result of feedback from members & you will know if you pass or not very soon afterwards. Full details can be seen [here](#). Remember this will be the last course for 2019. Enrol now!

German Shepherd National - Sydney May 2020

Judges have just been announced for the German Shepherd National which will be held in Sydney 15-17 **May 2020**. There will be both the conformation show & obedience trials. For more information check the GDSL website; judges information can be found on our [calendar](#).

Did you know about this?

Did you know that Dogs ACT conducts socialisation sessions for dogs? This service to Members caters for all those who may live in a limited household & not see many dogs but who wish to have their dog socialised with others. You may have a new puppy & you need to teach it the basics, in case you have forgotten since that last puppy. The emphasis of these sessions is on socialisation it also continues on to show training if you need it & covers what you need to know & what your puppy needs to do when in a show environment.

The sessions are held every Wednesday at Dogs ACT grounds from 5pm for junior handlers, 5.30pm for babies & 6pm for everyone else wishing to attend. There is a gold coin donation for each dog. If you want to attend get to the FB page 'Canberra area show dog socialisation and training' & enquire with the page admin about requirements. Come along its always fun for your dog & you!

What to do in Canberra while you are here

When you come for an event run by Dogs ACT or its affiliates why not stay a little longer & see some of the many wonderful sights, exhibitions & culture Canberra has to offer. There are Michelin star restaurants, theatres (Canberra Theatre & the Q in Queanbeyan), shops everywhere as well as National attractions, Galleries, wineries & breweries, & lots more. Check out this [tourism page](#) for more information & remember you can't see it all in one day, so please come back to our events and Canberra.

Did you want to start showing your dog?

Dog showing or 'exhibiting' as it's known is popular among a large number of dog owners. There is a judge who compares each dog against the official breed standard which is called a blueprint for the perfect characteristics for that breed. The top places are given to those dogs which conform most closely to their breed standard. All pedigree dogs can take part and it may become a hobby you enjoy.

Exhibiting can introduce you to a lot of new friends, your dog will love being the centre of attention, you will learn new things about you breed, you think your dog is the best but will others think the same & who knows you may one day win Best in Show.

In order to start your dog must be registered with the canine control in the state in which you live (in Canberra its Dogs ACT); you should familiarise yourself with the rules & regulations of showing; we recommend coming to some shows to see that happens & also attend our socialisation & show training classes which will give your dog an introduction to how it all begins. Why not give it a try? Contact us at the office for more information & talk to people at a show....you will enjoy it.

Your responsibilities & Social Media

It is timely to remind all Members that Dogs ACT has a Social Media policy. It has come to our attention lately that some comments sighted have been close to maligning the reputation of Dogs ACT & bringing its name into disrepute. Actions such as this will be investigated & this is a friendly reminder that when signing your membership or membership renewal you agree to abide by all the rules & regulations of Dogs ACT, of which a social media policy is one.

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 - 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](#)

