

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Message from Dogs ACT President - Simon Mills

Passing of Karen Mills

On behalf of Brooke, Morgan & myself I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the dog folk that passed on their condolences on the passing of my wife, Karen Mills, on 31st October 2019. The messages of support have given our family strength in dealing with the loss of Karen. It is at times like this when one realises that the dog community is more like a family.

Once again, thank you for the kind messages and thoughts.

(Please note: I am still on a leave of absence & cannot be contacted on Dogs ACT matters.)

Do you rent in Canberra with a dog?

The ACT Government has made it easier for those tenants who keep pets. New laws came into effect on 01Nov19 which were changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997* which allows tenants to make minor modifications to properties to keep the pets within a consent framework that will balance the interests of landlords & tenants. If you are currently renting you might want to read the document they have produced [here](#).

Becoming an online user with Dogs NSW

Dogs ACT have been informed that many members have been trying to enter shows/events using the Dogs NSW Show Dogs site & are having troubles.

For assistance and ease of use with the application Dogs NSW have sent us this [attachment](#) which explains how to get your registration number, to be completed once, so that you can enter future events. The attachment is self-explanatory. If you have any questions please contact Dogs NSW **NOT** Dogs ACT.

When you complete a form - please use the current ones

The office has advised that there are some members who are downloading forms from the website which are very old forms with incorrect costs on them (these have been removed).

The forms for membership, litter registrations etc have been changed so that no costs are listed on them. For costs on office transactions please view the sheet of costs which is called 'Fees and Charges'; these are the current costs. It is your responsibility to ensure that you send in or use the correct form for all office transactions. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Dogs in song?

Did you know that there have been many songs which were written about dogs or had dogs in their title? For example, Cat Stevens sang 'I Love my Dog'; Pink Floyd sang 'Seamus the Dog'; 'Man of the Hour' by Norah Jones was about her poodle called Ralph & Dolly Parton sang 'Cracker Jack' about one of her dogs. Obviously, dogs play a large part in many people's lives. Do you remember a song?

Dogs at war

As we approach 11th November, Armistice Day, we might take time out to remember all of our canine companions who also went to war. In WW1 they were used as messengers, pack carriers, stretcher bearers, sentries & mascots. Almost 60,000 dogs were taken to war at that time. By the time of the Korean War it is believed that dogs reduced casualties by 65%, a great feat for our four-legged friends.

Since then we have seen them wear Kevlar vests, carry infra-red cameras, wear their own version of goggles (called doggles) & special boots are made to protect them in whatever terrain they need to cross.

Man's best friend is our loving companion but never more so than when they lay down their lives for us.

The recognition of those animals that went to war has seen the poppy makers now produce a paper poppy in PURPLE. If you see one why not think of those animals & make a donation to those veterans who are in need.



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 every one of the first date here in an upcoming K9 Capers.

Upcoming Events - Nov

- 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](#)