

## E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS

### Reminder to Members



This is a reminder that the President, Simon Mills, has taken a leave of absence & will not be available for any dog business or matters relating to Dogs ACT until January.

Members are again reminded that they are **NOT** to send him emails, texts, messages, IMs or matters via Facebook. They will not be answered or addressed. Please contact the office in the first instance.

### Did you know? Message for all Affiliates

Dogs ACT have renewed the contract it made with the '[Pavilion on Northbourne](#)' in Dickson for another year so all affiliates are covered with a corporate rate for the whole of 2020.

Dogs ACT determined to get all affiliates this cheaper rate so you can contact the one place, you know the price beforehand, it's close to shops & restaurants & it's very comfortable. All you have to do is call the Pavilion, tell them the name of your club, that you are an affiliate of Dogs ACT & they will book the required rooms. The corporate rate covers a deluxe room & breakfast inclusive. The more clubs that use the Pavilion the longer we can keep getting this cheaper corporate rate. Don't leave it until the last minute, Dogs ACT have already made bookings for next year.

### Fire Danger - be prepared

Canberra is often called the Bush Capital of Australia, as such we are surrounded by many trees, native bushland & those that were here in Jan 2003 cannot forget the loss of homes, bush & sadly lives.

Many of our members live next to bush or grasslands & so it is opportune as we are under a total fire ban in NSW & the ACT to ensure you have your bushfire plan ready. For more information click [here](#) which will take you to the Emergency Services page which shows you how to arrange & have your plan ready.

Remember that the oxygen sucked out by the fire may well be the thing you & your dogs require. In thick smoke visibility is nil & embers travel for kms onto homes. How long does it take you to get your dogs in the car & you are on your way out? Test now before you don't have time should you need to go.

### From the Office - for Affiliates

More affiliates are obtaining the services of overseas judges. These overseas judges have to have their licenses validated in their own country & the applications submitted by affiliates are sent to & validated by the ANKC. The timeframe taken cannot be estimated as some countries take longer than others to return documentation. If you have an application currently with the Dogs ACT office please ensure you receive the ANKC approval prior to contracting the judge.

## Labrador Retriever Survey Results – Message from ANKC

A survey was conducted by ANKC Ltd earlier this year to ascertain the feedback from all owners of registered Labrador Retrievers in relation to the Minimum Breeding Age for Labrador bitches being 18 months at the time of mating (unless a veterinary certificate is produced stating that for health reasons the bitch should be mated before 18 months). The response received indicated support.

As this was an amendment to current regulations, the result of the survey was referred to the ANKC Board of Directors for consideration at their October 2019 Special Board meeting where it was endorsed.

As a consequence, the following new clause will be added to Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration which will be effective from 1 January, 2020:

8.12.2 The Minimum Breeding Age for Labrador Retriever bitches must be 18 months at the time of mating (unless a veterinary certificate is produced stating that for health reasons the bitch should be mated before 18 months). Breeders of litters whelped on or after 1st June, 2020, will be required to comply with the requirements as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the ANKC Ltd Main Register. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will only be able to be placed on the Limited Register & will be flagged not to be upgraded.

## Breed Nationals for 2020

For those who like to know everything in advance here are some of the National breed shows being held in Australia during 2020.

08MAR – Bull Terrier National –Virgara Winery, Angle Vale, South Australia

15-17MAY – German Shepherd National – Orchard Hills, Sydney

26-31MAY – ABKC National Agility Trials – Perth

13-14JUN – Labrador Retriever National – Queensland

13-15JUN -Weimaraner National – Orchard Hills, Sydney

01-02JUL - Cocker Spaniel National – Canberra (starting off the Dogs ACT Extravaganza weekend)

07-09AUG – Rhodesian Ridgeback National – Queensland

24-26AUG – Golden Retriever National – Orchard Hills, Sydney [Also obedience trials]

30OCT – Basset Hound National - Victoria

## Are you a current first aider? Note for Affiliates too!

Dogs ACT have a first aid kit located in the meeting rooms & are about to purchase a defibrillator, which will be placed next to the first aid kit. However, for all clubs reliant on Dogs ACT insurance you are obliged to know who can apply first aid should there be a ‘minor’ occurrence at your event. For anything not a minor incident you must call 000 for an ambulance.

If you are a current first aider please send an email to the office so that we can draw up a list which will be available to all clubs in order to have someone around with the relevant knowledge should an incident occur. Most of the events conclude successfully with no incidents so it is unlikely you will be called upon more than perhaps once a year however we are encouraging all clubs to have someone qualified at their events & be available should there be a need.

## Baby Puppy Pre School - 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 21st Nov** & will finish just in time for Christmas. Cost is very competitive compared to similar programmes run in the area & the facility is a dedicated space where other dogs are not permitted, so you know your puppy is safe.



If you would like to have more information about the programme please contact Dogs ACT.

This picture from Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Nov shows the graduating class with happy owners & their babies – a win-win for everyone.

## Having an event?

Are you having an event which requires space, a kitchen to prepare food, and a large garden space with outdoor facilities? Then why not hire the Dogs ACT meeting rooms? We have a venue which has already been used for major birthday milestones (18<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>), retirement parties, engagement parties but the possibilities are endless. Are you getting married, then why not get in first with an indoor venue with the possibility of putting up wedding marquees? Do you need a meeting room to conduct your business? Contact the Dogs ACT office at our usual numbers, it will be cheaper than you think!

## Events in 2020 which will impact on the use of Dogs ACT grounds

There are certain times of the year when outside organisations ask & are given use of our grounds. Here are some of them for 2020 – if there are any restrictions to Members such as access to the grounds such as using specific gates etc, Dogs ACT will always let you know via this e-News, our Facebook page (Dogs ACT – Canberra) & on the website (Member News).

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| 02-05JAN    | Summernats – Dogs ACT is closed but access to the grounds is not permitted.   |
| 28FEB-01MAR | Canberra Royal Show – access is limited for general public. Exhibitors to use back car park, entry along Wells Station Road |
| 03-13APR    | Canberra Folk Festival – festival is on 9-13APR – access to Dogs ACT via Gate 6   |

### Contact with the Office

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

As a measure to improve accessibility for our Members, Dogs ACT will be trialling one late night each month so that you can call in on the way home or after work to drop off your requests.

### Late night at the Office

The first late night is **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 4pm to 7pm.**

Dog socialisation classes will be on the grounds so come up to the office & get your paperwork handed in at a time that suits you.

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### Upcoming Events - Nov

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

### Upcoming Events - Dec

Tue 03Dec – Agility Ribbon Trial – Companion Dog Club Narrabundah

Fri 13/Sat/14/Sun15 – 6 Championship shows - Canberra All Breeds & ACT Ladies ABKC

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

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