

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Member nights closing for Christmas period

Have you been coming to Dogs ACTs member nights, whether they are the Wednesday evening socialisation classes or the baby classes on a Thursday?

The last night for Baby Puppy classes will be Thursday 12th December – we will announce their return, but likely to be in February 2020.

The last night for Wednesday evening socialisation is Wednesday 11th December – we will let you know of their return but could be somewhere around 15th January. However, keep watching their facebook page for its comeback timings.

DOGS ACT January shows - Under Cover

Remember to enter the two (2) January weekends of shows, which are all under cover – opposite the Dogs ACT grounds & in between them & the German Shepherd grounds.

No gazebos or camping gear required, just a chair, yourself & the dog/s. It will be warm but the last couple of years has seen a great wind blow throughout the venue which tends to keep everyone coolish. There will be refreshments on site as well as several vendors.

The schedule for 3 shows 18/19 Jan is [here](#) & schedule for 4 shows 26/27 Jan is [here](#)

Fire bans in Canberra

As the fire season has come earlier than the norm in eastern Australia, once again Canberra will be hit by total fire bans (first Fri 6th Dec). It is possible that over the summer period there will be people, animals & their belongings located at EPIC as this is an evacuation point in Canberra & surrounding districts. When coming into the showgrounds, for any reason, please be mindful of these factors. During total fire bans no open flames or work which might cause a spark will be allowed.

Information from Grounds sub-committee

There has been some work completed on the Dogs ACT grounds recently. Ring 4 was closed for the shows at the end of November as the wear & tear & the drought had removed some soil & was a safety issue. More soil has been put onto the worse parts in that area & watered well so it seems this has made a marked improvement. Broken sprinklers have been replaced, fertilizer put onto the grounds, & spraying for bindiis has been completed. It is possible that Ring 4 will be used at the December shows however the club will be putting out a ring plan next week only after consultation with the grounds sub-committee.

Dogs ACT attempts to give Members the best grounds possible however we ask that you bear with us during this drought where even complete soaking 24/7 will not bring up bowling green lawns.

Information for Members re Summernats at EPIC (reposting)

The set up (or bump-in) of Summernats staff & materials will commence on Mon 16DEC & continue for a week. Dogs ACT Office will be closing on Thu 19DEC (2.30pm) so if Members wish to visit the office 17-19DEC access will be via GATE 2 ONLY, which is the MAIN GATE on Flemington Road. Members will have to drive straight ahead to Dogs ACT & will need to advise gate security that you are visiting our office. You must also EXIT via the same gate.

EPIC wishes to advise that during this period the site will be a construction site with plant & equipment moving about as well as a lot of temporary infrastructure coming to site. Members are to be aware of their surroundings, drive to the road limit (20kph).

Once the Dogs ACT office is closed there is very limited access to EPIC & can only be granted with an accredited pass, which Dogs ACT will not need as the office will be closed.

Dogs ACT office will re-open on Tue 07JAN & once again EPIC will be considered a construction site with the usual dangers & warnings so visitors will need to come through Gate 2 ONLY.

Canberra Royal 2020

Why not enter the Canberra Royal conformation championship show?

Schedule for this three (3) day event can be found [here](#) . The judges are from Ireland, Canada & the UK so a complete international panel.

Entries close 14JAN20 for mail, 21JAN20 for online via Easy Dog Entries.

Sydney Royal 2020

Did you want a heads up to next year's Sydney Royal show? Please find [here](#) the schedule for the whole fortnight from 3- 14 April 2020. It contains Agility trials, Obedience trials, Sweepstakes & the Conformation show. All judges & their CVs are in the document as well as the days on which your event/s and/or breed/s will be held over this period.

Message from the ANKC

ANKC would like to advise Members of the following amended rules & regulations effective 01JAN20. Information is available from their website.

Rules for Lure Coursing Trials – check their site [here](#)

In accordance with the decision at the Oct19 Board Meeting Australian judges contact details on their website will have only the name, postcode, telephone number & email addresses for all judges.

What's on at EPIC

If you visit the Canberra Farmers Markets you will want to know that the last one for 2019 will be Sat 21DEC19. These markets recommence on Sat 18JAN20.

During January 2020 EPIC hosts a variety of events post Summernats which include Upright Rider Training (motorbikes not horses), Merino Sales, Harness Racing meetings & Cancon (for gamers). Don't forget the Dogs ACT January shows too!

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.

Late night at the Office

The first late night was Wednesday 27th November from 4pm to 7pm. Dogs ACT will open for another late night in December – **Tuesday 17th December 4pm to 7pm**. Come along & bring your paperwork with you.

Remember Tue 17th is also the information night for interested Members in Trick Dog trials.

Christmas Closure

Dogs ACT office will close at 2.30pm on Thu 19DEC19 & re-open with skeleton staff on Tue 07JAN20.

If you want work done prior to the festive shut down please make sure you have everything to the office by *close of business Thursday 12th December*, otherwise it will be processed in the new year.

If you do have something to submit send the office an email to let us have prior warning, for example if your babies need to be registered but cant get the paperwork in by 12th email the office at admin@dogsact.org.au to let us know in advance.

Upcoming Events - Dec

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

Upcoming Events - Jan 2020

Sat 18Jan20 – Double Rally Evening Trials – Companion Dog Club Narrabundah

Sat 18JAN20 – Dancing with Dogs Trial & Trick Dogs Trial - Tuggeranong

Sat 18Jan20 – Dogs ACT – 1 Evening championship show

Sun 19Jan20 – Dogs ACT - 2 championship shows

Sun 26Jn20 – Dogs ACT - 2 championship shows

Mon 27Jan20 – Dogs ACT - 2 championship shows

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