

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Did you know? An exciting new discipline coming to Canberra

There is a new canine discipline coming to Canberra on 1st January 2020; the 'Trick Dog Competition' will become an official ANKC event on that day. It has been developed by members of the Dancing with Dogs discipline & the intention is to encourage handlers to teach their dogs skills & to display behaviours positively.

The competition starts at Starter Class, where the handler picks 6 out of 15 tricks available & once the handler & dog have been trained, they head off to a Competition. Once they have mastered the Starter class then they progress to the Novice class then the Advanced class.

There is a very short timeframe before it becomes an ANKC recognised sport however Dogs ACT will hold an initial information night Tuesday 17th December for Members who think they might be interested. Another will be held in early 2020.

Dogs ACT Agility Titles

The Dogs ACT Agility titles were held over 5/6 October at the ACT Companion Dog Club in Symonston. Judges for the weekend were Ms Simone Tolhurst (WA) & Miss Jenny Taylor (NSW).

The Agility & Jumping Dog of the Year Finals were conducted on Sun morning. These are invitational events for the top 20 dogs determined from results at CT trials in the previous 12 months.

The winners were:

2019 Dogs ACT Agility dog of the Year Finals winner

Ag Ch 500 Kerodan Thrill Seeker ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SDM SPDM (Border Collie)
Owner Miss Sarah Kirkwood

2019 Dogs ACT Jumping Dog of the Year Finals winner

Batfink ADX JDM JDO GD SD SPDX (Associate)
Owner Darren Johanson

The trials attracted a good entry with just under 1,000 runs. The CDC grounds were in excellent condition with extra effort made by the Club in preparation of the trialling rings for the events. Dogs ACT would like to thank CDC for making the grounds available & for preparing the grounds to such an excellent state.

DOGS ACT January shows - Under Cover

There will be two weekends in January for show exhibitors. On Sat 18Jan there will be an evening show & Sun 19Jan two championship shows. The following weekend there will be two shows on each of Sun 26 & Mon 27Jan20. Under cover means that while it might be warm the intense heat is eased by the winds that roll through the sheds. Also means that no canopies are required just the dogs & their pens/crates & yourself. Come along & try them out if you haven't been in previous years.

Information for Members re Summernats at EPIC

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.

Reminder - Dogs ACT Hot Weather Policy

As the weather heats up it is timely to remind all affiliates & exhibitors that Dogs ACT has a 'Hot & Inclement Weather Policy' for Conformation Shows (Rules & Regs 15).

15.6(a) You are reminded that conformation shows must be cancelled when the BOM forecasts a temperature above 38 degrees or higher at 10am (on the eve) one day prior to an affiliate's advertised event.

Have you tried camping at Dogs ACT events?

Some positive feedback was given to Dogs ACT on the weekend which was that the caravans supplied were extra clean, the facilities on the grounds were excellent & that campers had a great time in their part time home away from home. Have you tried camping at our grounds? You can bring your own caravan or hire one from the local camper/caravan hirers. Details are located on our [website](#). Why not give it a go? It's certainly cheaper than a hotel room, the dogs are with you, the local restaurants, cafes, bars & shops are only a 10min drive from the site so what have you got to lose? Dogs ACT would like to thank those exhibitors who gave us the positive feedback.

Could you be a sponsor for our Junior Handlers?

If you are able to sponsor the Australia wide Junior Handler competition then we are looking for you! This is a well-respected competition for our youngsters each year with the winner able to compete at Crufts the following year. Get on board now if this sounds like you!

Please send in your expression of interest to the Dogs ACT office (admin@dogsact.org.au) no later than Tuesday 10Dec19.

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 the conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs

[Rules](#) for the conduct of Field Trials for Spaniels & Retrievers Trials

Regulations Part 3B – [Regulation](#) for the conduct of Field Trial Judges Training Scheme

Health & Safety, would you like to help?

Dogs ACT Council has approved the purchase of a defibrillator which will be placed on the wall next to the first aid kit in the Meeting Room. We have asked our Affiliates if they would like to give a donation to its purchase (\$2200), however if you would like to also contribute to its purchase please contact the office. All donations gratefully received.

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.

Christmas Closure

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

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

Upcoming Events - Jan 2020

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

Sat 18JAN20 – Dancing with Dogs Trial (potential for 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](#)