

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Dogs ACT helping the bushfire members impacted

Dogs ACT are now a distribution point for dog food, crates, bedding etc to assist Dogs NSW members who have been impacted by the bushfires. Their members will contact Dogs NSW who in turn will inform Dogs ACT so that when the members arrive, we can assist them to meet their needs. We had a delivery of goods on Tuesday this week & most of the delivery has been transported to Bega already to assist those in that region.

National Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame - Call for Nominations

Nominations have been called for the National Retrieving & Field Trial Hall of Fame. All nominations must come through Dogs ACT, so if you wish to nominate someone please complete the form and send on to Dogs ACT office. (ANKC form <http://ankc.org.au/HallOfFame/?id=1096>)

Member Bodies are requested to ensure only nominations using these nomination forms are forwarded to ANKC Ltd.

Nominations will close on the 31 May, 2020 at respective Member Body offices for forwarding to ANKC Ltd immediately after this date.

News from the Office

While the Dogs ACT Office reopened on Tuesday 7th January 2020, information is always posted in this newsletter, facebook & on the website to allow members at least one avenue of communication with their organisation. We intend to open another late evening so keep your eyes posted for our January evening. This initiative is working well with several members finding it a great time to call into the office outside their own work hours.

Puppy Socialisation & Show Training Classes

These classes recommenced this week on Wed evening. They start at 5.30pm for newbies & nervous nellies then at 6pm for everyone else. If you wish to come along check out their FB page 'Canberra area show dog socialisation & training' where all dates, times will be posted. Cost is a gold coin donation, which helps to maintain the grounds for you, the Members.

Are you a conformation judge? Want to judge in Brisbane?

On Sat 29 Feb & Sun 01 Mar Dogs Qld are holding 2 Charity all breeds shows which will donate its profits to the NSW & VIC canine controls to assist with Members who are impacted by the bushfires. To this end they would like to have a conformation judge from each State/Territory who can get to Brisbane & judge one group each day.

Are you a conformation judge? Do you have 2 groups or more? Would you like to get to Brisbane & judge for these shows? You will have to make your own way there/back but will be well looked after whilst in sunny Queensland.

If you feel you are available & are an ACT conformation judge with 2 or more groups, please contact the Dogs ACT office asap so that we can advise Dogs QLD.

Message from the President

Members – I have returned from my leave of absence & am very grateful to the office staff & two Executive for managing Dogs ACT during this time! It goes to prove no one is indispensable & the organisation continues forward. Once again, I would like to thank the many Members who sent support to my daughters & myself during our recent loss in the family. It was much appreciated; it makes you feel proud to be part of the dog community!!

Preparations are in hand for the Summer Festival of shows which are under cover in the Market sheds over the next 2 weekends; special thanks go to Trish & Lenora Dyer for organising both weekends. These undercover shows have been a success, not only as they are out of the heat at this time of year but Members/exhibitors can just bring a dog & a chair so it's less onerous for everyone.

Profits from the 3 shows this weekend (18/19Jan) are being donated to the RNSWCC Health & Welfare Charity which is assisting NSW members who are impacted by the current bushfires. Dogs ACT would like to gratefully thank all those who have entered these shows – your encouragement will greatly help those canines & owners who are in pain at present.

If you have gone past the Dogs ACT grounds you would have noticed they are looking great. We have gone to great lengths to do this by fertilising, watering, repairing the sprinkler system & now starting to mow to prepare the grounds for the Canberra Royal, which is our first show of the year on them. If we had not done this over the summer break the cost to repair/replace the grass would have been 10 times the cost of recent actions.

While talking of the Canberra Royal, whose online entries close 21st January, & is approaching fast, David Dawes & his merry band of workers are hard at it & with new sponsors it looks to be an EVENT not to be missed!!! Dogs ACT plays a vital role providing immaculate grounds, equipment & resources. I urge Members to support your own Royal, the first of one of the year.

We have all heard that our disciplines are declining, for various reasons. My personal opinion is that one major issue is the lack of Members getting involved in clubs, stewarding, training, mentoring

younger Members or just helping out at all our events. The small band of current workers won't be able to continue ad infinitum so please give back, at least one day to the organisation and/or Clubs & you will see OMG what we can achieve with everyone participating. I know we all like to be asked but please step up & ask to join a club, mow those lawns, help out in the office – your assistance won't be dismissed.

Simon Mills

Conformation Judges Training Scheme 2020

The Conformation Judges Training Panel met early in January in preparation for this year's scheme. The scheme is growing & trainees are progressing through OUR system with very pleasing results. Although it is not without hard work by the JTS coordinators who continue to strive to improve training & develop our trainee judges. The trainees also have to work hard whether its studying, being mentored or helping run events this work enables them to be better. The system is an educational based one which has community involvement by them bringing dogs to open shows, sweepstakes, practical or field nights. If you are a Dogs ACT Member resident in the ACT & have met the ANKC requirements why not give it a go? Your knowledge & opinions are what the sport might need. (SMills)

Remember to get your applications in to the office if you wish to start or continue your conformation judges training. Lecture dates for all groups are now posted on the website at the specific page for this 2020 JTS scheme. <http://dogsact.org.au/judges-training-scheme-conformation-2020/>

Closing dates: 28Jan20 for trainees; 27Feb20 for aspirants & GSD aspirants.

Upcoming Events - Jan 2020

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

Sat 18JAN20 –Trick Dogs Trial & Dancing with 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](#)

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. For **urgent** out of hours requests leave a message on our Facebook page & we will get back to you the next working day.

Words from the Office

Camping at events – all camping is to be pre-paid & booked prior to arrival via the office. Please complete the form on our website, email it to the office who will take payment then return email to you with the details.

Camping is \$33.00 per night per site. A fee of an additional \$5.00 will be charged for anyone not booking prior to arrival.

