

## E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



### Festive Wishes to all Members



On behalf of The Council and Staff of Dogs ACT, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Stay safe on the roads if travelling, have your fire plan ready & may your coming year see all you in good health & be as successful as you wish to be in all your disciplines.

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### From the ANKC

#### Trick Dog Rules

ANKC has the Rules for the conduct of Trick Dog Tests (which come into effect from 01JAN20) on their website at <http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=1253>

#### For Information of Tracking & Track/Search Exhibitors

Please note that only Track & Search Championship Titles gained post 01JAN19 are eligible to be used when applying for either a Triple Champion or Dual Champion Title, together with a Conformation Champion Title. This only affects the use of the Track & Search Champion Title and no other.

Prior to 1.1.2019 the Track & Search Champion Title was ineligible to be used in applications for these titles, as Track & Search was an extension of Tracking and member's dogs had to have gained their Tracking Champion Title prior to being eligible to participate in Track & Search Trials.

From the 01JAN19 this changed and Track & Search became a discipline in its own right without the need to qualify by the dog having to be a Tracking Champion to participate. This meant that from the 01JAN19 that the title of Track & Search Champion could be used to apply for Dual and Triple Champion Titles, in conjunction with a Conformation Champion Title.

**Only a Track & Search Champion Title gained prior to the rule change (being prior 1.1.2019) is not eligible to be used in the granting of either a Dual or Triple Champion Title.**

Therefore, any application for a Dual or Triple Champion that has been made during 2019 which includes a Track & Search Champion Title gained during 2019 will be reinstated immediately by the ANKC. Any Dual or Triple Champion application that has been made including a Track & Search Champion Title that was gained prior to 1.1.2019 will be rescinded/cancelled as that is in contravention of the ANKC rules.

Refer to the ANKC Rules and Guidelines for the conduct of Track and Search Dog Trials effective 01JAN19 Page 5 Titles paragraph (G), this section was never in the previous ANKC Rule Book for Track & Search as an application using a Track & Search Champion Title was not allowed, therefore only application for titles gained since 1.1.2019 can be used.

#### Australian ANKC Judges

At the October Board Meeting it was determined that the information on Australian ANKC judges be limited to their name, postcode, email address & telephone number.

#### Lure Coursing

The amended Rules for the conduct of Lure Coursing Trials which are effective on 01JAN20 can be seen on the ANKC website at <http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=1253>

### **Update to Regulations 5 & 6 & National Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership**

Please ensure you check the ANKC website for any changes that are made when you are entering an event or wanting to know what the ANKC have amended/changes for relevant disciplines.

### **Amendment to Azawakh standard – colour**

For those of you interested in the colour amendment to the Azawakh standard, the ANKC are currently updating the breed standard extension & will upload it to their website shortly. When it is done it will be found on their website at <http://ankc.org.au/Breed/Detail/78>

**FCI Shows** – We will update the calendar in the new year & add all FCI shows for your information.

**Dogs VIC** – New Chief Executive appointed 21OCT19 was Matthew Monaghan.

### **Koala Sniffing dog/s**

Here's a good new dog story.... As bushfires continue to burn across the country, heroes of all shapes and sizes have been recognised - but one in particular has made Hollywood sit up and take notice.

Oscar winner Tom Hanks has praised the work of Bear, a Koala-sniffing Border Collie-cross-Koolie whose story could be heading for the big screen. Abandoned as a puppy due to his OCD, Bear was adopted by the University of the Sunshine Coast, and specifically trained to carry out his extraordinary work. Wearing protective socks on his paws, he uses his nose to search through areas scorched by fire for Koalas in distress.

"He's been trained to locate koalas, fur in particular," USC Detection Dogs for Conservation Senior Research Fellow Dr Celine Frere told *Sunrise* TV show. Australia's koala population has been a major victim of the bushfire crisis, with more than 800 of the marsupials feared killed. "He's very high energy, has a high play drive and displays compulsive behaviour, which is exactly what we look for in a detection dog."

There are more of these dogs around which are being used at the moment to sniff out the endangered koalas; good on you guys!!!

### **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.

### **Late night at the Office**

To assist Members Dogs ACT opened for a late night in November & December & while November was relatively quiet as a new concept the December evening was almost standing room only. We will be continuing these late nights each month & we will post future dates on the website & in this newsletter. Thank you to those Members who came along & we hope that this innovation will benefit all those who are unable to make it to the office during normal working hours.

### **Christmas Closure**

Dogs ACT office is now CLOSED. It will re-open with skeleton staff on Tue 07JAN20.

## Words from the Office

Recently exhibitors at the conformation shows held at Dogs ACT grounds had to be reminded each day that NO parking is allowed at any Emergency entrance (which are clearly marked) as this is for ONLY emergency vehicles such as an ambulance. Please be aware that vehicles parking at the emergency entrances WILL be towed away by EPIC staff to the police impound. Yes, EPIC staff work on weekends.

Also, NO trailers are to be parked along the roadside (all trailers are to park in Bicentennial Gardens). If you see exhibitors doing this please advise them of their responsibility.

It was also noted that some smokers were smoking very close to the large gas cylinder next to the toilet block! Now while Dogs ACT can only issue a warning to exhibitors regarding their personal safety who have the option to ignore the warnings, all exhibitors need that toilet block, so please move away from viable flammable containers!

Camping at events – all camping is to be pre-paid & booked prior to arrival via the office.

