

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Big thanks to ACT Bull Terrier Club!

Dogs ACT would like to thank the Members & Committee of the ACT Bull Terrier Club for their donation to assist in purchasing a defibrillator. We put out a call a couple of weeks ago for members & Clubs to offer a contribution to the purchase of this life saving device which is being obtained to assist everyone. Their Members have stood up & offered us an amount which will be put towards that purchase. Thank you, guys!

This makes two Clubs who have generous & compassionate Members (previous one was NCKC).

New Junior Handler Rep

Dogs ACT would like to welcome Caleb Fryar to the position of Junior Handler representative for us. Caleb has a very impressive resumè & he will be our mentor to young Dogs ACT members. He has been a Junior Handler competitor in the past, has grown up in the dog world, is involved in Youth work, is on many different Youth committees & has a current working with vulnerable people card. Caleb has been an ANKC Junior Handlers Judge Licence since 2017 with appointments in the ACT, NSW and VIC.

All the best in the exciting role Caleb, we can't wait to see what you can achieve with our up and coming Junior members.

Dogs ACT & ACT Government

We understand the concern from our Members about the current situation with our organisation & the ACT Government. As reported several times Dogs ACT have met with Government representatives & discussed the issue of having some form of discount for our Members so that we can continue our sports without immense costs for registering our dogs with them. Dogs ACT meets & contacts their representatives at least every month but we are unable to bring you any further news at the time of this newsletter.

The Government wanted to bring in amendments to the Animal Welfare Bill, which have they have now done – you may remember seeing that the ACT now states that animals are 'sentient' beings – this took priority over other issues, one of which was our discount for Members.

As this issue has been continuing for some time Dogs ACT has also asked for an amnesty for Members. The latest news we have is that the information will be forthcoming very soon but until such time Dogs ACT cannot add to this.

News from the ANKC

CACIBs – Now that Members are travelling to shows which offer CACIBs, it is timely to let those Members know the procedure for claiming their International Titles.

CACIB shows are listed on the ANKC website (<http://ankc.org.au/Event/?id=3035>)

The Rules for CACIB shows can be found in Regulation 5 Show, Section 6, which indicates the procedures, 10 groups & placings & that to qualify for a CACIB the dog must be over 15 months of age, amongst other information.

The administrative procedure for Application of International Champion Title with the FCI is located on the ANKC website under Miscellaneous at <http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=1183>

All paperwork & certificates must come to the Dogs ACT office to process in the first instance, however the ANKC documentation is clear on each step of the process.

Canberra's bushfire situation - information

To all **ACT** members - now that the bushfires are temporarily out, but were getting close to Canberra suburbs & potentially likely to impact our ACT members, here are a few emergency numbers you might need – for the future. Dogs ACT will not post information every 10 mins but info which is important for you should the fires be an issue again, so keep them handy.

Please check for news with ESA (www.esa.act.gov.au) & ABC Canberra radio.

SES - 132 500; Evoenergy - 131 093 (electricity) or 131 009 (gas); Icon water - (02) 6248 3111 (water & sewerage); Access Canberra - 132 281; Lifeline - 131 114; ACT Wildlife - 0432 300 033 (injured wildlife); Transport Canberra & City Services - 132 281 (storm water); & of course Emergency - 000.

When the ACT Government enacted the ACT Recovery plan, they activated 3 evacuation centres for those requiring support. Again, for future use, they would be:

- Erindale College, 115 McBryde Cres, Wanniasa 2903
- Hedley Beare Centre, 51 Fremantle Drive, Stirling 2611
- Dickson College, Phillip Ave, Dickson 2602
- You should also be aware that EPIC has been activated for people evacuating with horses.

Upcoming Events - Feb/Mar 2020

Sat 22 Feb20 – Agility & Jumping Evening Trial – CDC
Fri/Sat/Sun 28/29Feb & 01 Mar – Canberra Royal Show
Sat 07Mar20 – Rally-O evening trials - Companion Dog Club
Tue 10Mar20 – Agility Trial (Ribbon Jumping) – Companion Dog Club
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.

We opened the office for the evening & again it was well patronised. This service will continue until it has been evaluated by the Members. We aim to have one night per month until evaluation complete.

From the Office

Camping at events – all camping is to be pre-paid & booked prior to arrival via the office. It is \$33 per night. Please be advised that Dogs ACT are looking into having the camping facility located within Show Manager so that when you enter our Dogs ACT shows you can pre-book your camping at the same time. Using this methodology will be for every event whether Show Manager is used for entries or not. (Yes, you will be able to book camping after your entries are done in case it's a last-minute decision).

