

## E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



### Dogs ACT & Covid-19

As members would be aware there are NO events being held across Australia at the present time.

The Dogs ACT Council met & agreed that the COVID-19 self-isolation & current situation in Canberra (& across Australia) will have ALL events which normally would be held past our current deadline of the end of April extended.

This deadline is now until **31AUG20**. This decision will be reviewed in August should there be a need to extend this further.

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As things change it is important that you keep up to date with conditions & restrictions by visiting the Government [website](#) where you will find all current information. The Government assures us that veterinarians are considered as an essential service. If you have a need to get to your vet give them a call & they will advise the arrangements they have made to ensure that there is no spread of the virus amongst humans.

The Corona Virus Pandemic is affecting humans only! Its greatest effect is in those with compromised immune systems but can strike anyone at any age. There is no evidence it can be transmitted from dogs to humans.

During this period of uncertainty for everyone we want you to know that Dogs ACT is still here & processing your documents such as memberships, litter registrations et al. We also want to let you know that if you are in dire straits & cannot feed your dog please contact the office via email on [admin@dogsact.org.au](mailto:admin@dogsact.org.au) & we can talk about some food assistance.

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### 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. As you would appreciate the Covid-19 pandemic is changing all priorities however Dogs ACT continues to be in touch with the ACT Government. However, we are unable to bring you any further news on member registrations or an amnesty at the time of this newsletter.

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## News from the ANKC

In accordance with the February 2020 ANKC Special Board meeting an online survey is now available from the link provided below where ANKC is seeking feedback from any Member of a Canine Control affiliated with the ANKC Ltd and who is the owner of a registered **Anatolian Shepherd Dog** or **Kangal Shepherd Dog** to the following questions:

- 1) Do you agree to the renaming from Anatolian Shepherd Dog to Kangal Shepherd Dog?
- 2) Do you agree to the FCI Standard for FCI CACIB shows?
- 3) Do you agree to an Australian Kangal Shepherd Dog Standard for non-CACIB shows?

Access the survey via: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5ZMKCK>

**Responses to the survey are required by 8 July 2020.**

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ANKC put together a sub-committee to enable their Regulation on 'Conformation Shows' to be made uniform across Australia. This was put together by all States/Territories & the [document](#) will take effect on 01JUL20. Please take the time to read the document before shows restart.

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There has been an amendment to the National Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership.

Clause 10 has been amended to read: *10. A member shall not dispose of dogs owned or bred by the member to a pound or animal refuge. **Breed Rescue Clubs run by ANKC Ltd members are exempt.***

### Are you a breeder? Advice from ANKC

The National Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee has issued the **attached** advice to breeders on procedures for selling puppies during the current **COVID 19 pandemic**.

### From the Council

Due to personal circumstances the President Simon Mills has resigned & is no longer contactable on any Dogs ACT issue. He will be maintaining the Dogs ACT grounds & will be at shows once they restart so he won't totally disappear. Council would like to thank him for his work, assistance & service with all Dogs ACT matters over the past number of years & wish him well in his future endeavours.

Until the AGM the acting President of Dogs ACT is Kristy Nieberding.

### From the Office

Council has also had to say farewell to our Administrator Wendy Downing who resigned in Feb 2020. We thank her for her able-bodied management of the Dogs ACT Office & wish her well with all her forthcoming activities.

Until Dogs ACT is able to appoint an Administrator for a period of 3 months from 12Mar20 Robyn O'Keefe is acting in this role.

Preferred contact with the office at this time is via email; at this point we are maintaining normal hours.



Other State/Territory **shut downs** are 'until', at time of writing, as follows:

SA – 31 May (may be extended)      QLD – 30 April (may be extended)      ACT – 31 August

VIC – 31 July      WA – 31 August      NSW – 30 June      TAS – until end of 2020

