

E-Newsletter - K9 CAPERS



Trick Dog Tests

Wow what an event! After a considerable undertaking by Dogs ACT to facilitate the running of Australia's Inaugural Trick Dog Tests, the event was hugely supported & thoroughly enjoyed by all. Belconnen Dog Obedience Club (BDOC) held this event at the Tuggeranong Archery Indoor Centre on Saturday 18th January 2020. There were over 120 entries from various states including VIC, NSW & of course the ACT. This new sport allows us to improve communication & thereby increase our bond with our dogs in a positive & fun environment, so it was no surprise that the atmosphere was electric! Participating dog / handler teams, stewards & judges, all on a huge learning curve, made it a fantastic event & only positive comments have been heard.

Congratulations to Dogs ACT & BDOC for their roles in bringing together all the necessary components to ensure a memorable event. So many excited and happy but very exhausted people!!

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!

News from the ANKC

Dogs ACT are seeking a Member who is interested in canine health & welfare to be a Canberra representative on the ANKC sub-committee who are involved in all health issues relating to our dogs. If you have an interest in this topic & would like to contribute to this sub-committee please contact the Dogs ACT office by sending in an expression of interest to the office at admin@dogsact.org.au

Thank You

Canberra's bushfire situation – Important information

To all **ACT** members - now that the bushfires are getting close to Canberra suburbs & likely to impact our ACT members here are a few emergency numbers you might need. Dogs ACT will not post information every 10 mins but info which is important for you.

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.

The ACT Government has now enacted the ACT Recovery plan. The ACT recovery plan has now activated 3 evacuation centres for those requiring support. These are as follows:

- 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

Wed 12Feb20 – Agility Ribbon Trial – Tuggeranong
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 again for the evening this week & again it was well patronised. This service will continue until it has been evaluated by the Members.

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. (Yes, you will be able to book camping after your entries are done in case it's a last-minute decision).