



A.C.T. Canine Association Inc.

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DogsACT eNewsletter

Presidents Report

Dogs ACT Members,

Once again I would like to acknowledge our members and their patience and support of our club during these difficult times. Please remember if you need help or support reach out to us, we are here to support you if you need it.

There have been a couple of changes in the office. Robyn will continue acting in the Administrator Role and Linda Buckley has accepted three months in the assistant administrator position. I would like to thank Judith Barlow and Judith Woolley who have volunteered over the past several weeks in the office so Robyn could take leave.

As many would know EPIC is currently being used as a Covid-19 testing Centre. Council is continuing to negotiate with the ACT Government to allow Dogs ACT to use our grounds more. We have been holding show training classes on Wednesday evening, which has been successfully run by Di Gooding and Caleb Fryar. It is everyone's responsibility to adhere to the guidelines that we have put in place so that we can continue to offer these services. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to offer more.

Our AGM now has a set date of the 8th September 2020. We invite our members to have their say and come along or nominate a proxy so that you are able to have your say. I strongly recommend that you read the penalty guideline that is proposed to be introduced to assist with unacceptable behaviour and have continuity during investigation. A new working party has been set up to update and refresh the Dogs ACT Constitution and Rules and Regulations. In the next newsletter I will hopefully be able to introduce you to the members of the working party.

I'm really proud of the work the current council has achieved to date under a very difficult climate. We have a lot more to do, and would love for some fresh faces with fresh ideas and a strong work ethic to come on board. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months.

Kristy Neiberding
DogsACT Acting President



DogsACT Organisational Structure



Ms Kristy Neiberding
Acting President



Ms Judith Woolley
Junior Vice President



Ms Elaine Temby
Treasurer



Ms Linda Stevens
Council Member

Ms Danielle Small
Council Member

Ms Linda Buckley
Council Member

Mr Eric Birkland
Council Member

Ms Denice Greenwood
Council Member

Mr Peter Miller
Council Member

Meet The DogsACT Council

Judith Woolley

I was asked to write something which describes what I've been up to while working on your behalf for over 25 years as a Councillor at Dogs ACT. That's hard to write as there have been so many things most of which you probably don't know about. I am not one who likes to announce each & every bit of work I undertake for Dogs ACT instead my aim was always to make life easier & smoother for every member so that you don't realise the work that has gone on. Sitting down to write I will work backwards from today & when I run out of the page I will cease.

At present I am working on some Covid-19 Guidelines for the 'show' community (others are looking at the 'dog sports' groups). They are in a first draft format & have had their first discussion at council. They will be reformatted many times before everyone agrees on how best to recommence dog shows once we are able to do so. Our current predicament of being on the grounds of EPIC, which is a Health Emergency Testing Facility, means we must have a more transparent plan than perhaps other organisations – a fact we have to live with.

I am also working with the ACT Government to ensure that the changes made to the dog legislation several years ago, which went past unnoticed by most, does not continue to impact on our members. My main work has been in the registrations, currently over \$400 per dog for life, which I am hoping to bring down to a more feasible cost, bringing them back to annual costs, with an amnesty period - so that those who have let registrations lapse can ensure their dogs are registered – a prerequisite to being a Dogs ACT member. These changes have taken over 18mths due to the current pandemic putting only urgent legislative work at the forefront of laws. However, I am hoping to have some good news soon as they are now awaiting signatures with the government.

Previous work has been arranging quotes, consultation & agreement on a website, which I've set up & continue to monitor. Working in the social network area within law enforcement I made sure to set up the Dogs ACT, the Extravaganza Internationals & the Terrier National FB pages. The impact of social media on everyone meant I also wrote the social media policy so that members could not become keyboard warriors when it brought Dogs ACT into disrepute.

I've also written numerous newsletters & supplied articles for others as communication to our members is paramount to me. I have participated in writing countless policy documents over the years, some to add to, others to alter, some to remove, so that the dog world in Canberra can enjoy their sports without any visible intrusion of their natural rights & responsibilities when belonging to our association.

I have frequently represented Dogs ACT at the ANKC & been on many ANKC sub-committees over the years, initially to assist my late partner John Allan when he was President, the last being an IT sub-committee who wants to introduce an Australia-wide database for the 21st century. However, that's enough of my background work...sounds boring but its been most exciting & the majority has been seamless for you, our members.

Personally, over the decades I've been a committee member & held several executive positions including president of an all breeds club, group club & single breed club. Doing this I have been involved in running numerous shows & obedience trials while I've been owned by afghans for 45yrs & dobermanns for 35yrs. My dogs have been an integral part of my life & allowing me just one brag I am still the only Canberra resident whose dog (afghan) won the Spring Fair show with over 4k exhibits (not as many entries these days).



I am a hound & utility conformation judge & have commenced the gundog group this year as this is a means for me to give back to the people with whom I've had a great deal of fun, sorrow & great wins/losses. I enjoy my judging & have seen the majority of Australia & judged overseas in Europe & UK.

You won't see me at events at present, I'm often behind the scenes working, as a major car accident has meant several surgeries these past five years. If you need my help, or expertise, give me a buzz & we can talk. I don't often have photos taken either so this one is me in younger years, although I haven't changed....lol Thanks for reading!!!



From The Office

Total Members as at 30 June 2020 is 461 of which 400 are ACT residents, 60 are NSW residents and 1 is an NZ resident. 7 Members are on their final notice to renew, being 2 or more months overdue.

The office is developing a certificate to congratulate members once they have completed and passed their breeders exam.

Meet the DogsACT Members

Dee Hyde

The dog game has been a family pursuit for more than 50 years for us. Joining in 1968 & after 20 plus years of administrative involvement including DogsACT Council Member & various exec positions in clubs, I was awarded Life Membership of DogsACT (then CKA) in 1989.

We bred Afghans for some 10 years before acquiring our first Kerry Blue and also successfully showed a Whippet, a Miniature Schnauzer, a Lhasa Apso and a couple of Wirehaired Fox Terriers. Our earlier Kerry Blue imports (2 English Champions and 1 Junior Warrant Winner), we believe, have made a significant contribution to the popularity of the breed in Australia. One was National Dog of the year in 1979, which was no mean feat you may rest assured. Another won the Best Terrier in the Australian Bicentennial Top Dog Competition.

In 1999, we imported a virtually unshown but high quality Kerry Blue dog from Ireland. His son was awarded runner up best Terrier in NSW in 2007. Greater pleasure than these achievements, however, were the dogs we bred for others to win high awards. Loved those Sunday night phone calls reporting that Paddy or Rosie had won another Best in Show, Class in Show or Best in Group with 200 or more dogs.

On the judging front I have had "All Breeds" Status since 1982. Judging delights for me have been judging Kerry blues in Ireland and in Czech Republic, Canada, USA and Finland. Judging all other Terrier Breeds has also been significant; overseas, all terriers & group in Canada, many terrier breeds and the Terrier Group in Finland, numerous breeds and Group at Czech Terrier Club; in Australia, Irish & Lakeland Club of NSW, Scottish Terrier Club of NSW (many years ago), West Highland White Terrier Show, Border Terrier Club of NSW the Cairn Terrier Club Shows of Victoria & NSW as well as the Lhasa Apso Show & the Shih Tzu Show.



I have always had a keen interest in Lhasa Apsos & there has been a Lhasa in our home for the past 40 years. I have been participating in the training of judges for over 30 years now. I was the Co-ordinator for Australian Capital Territory Dog Judges Training & Examination Scheme for many years & have continued more recently assisting on the practical examination of new judges. Since 1969, commencing with Hound Club of ACT, I can't remember a time when I was not heavily involved in the running of championship shows & have held numerous executive positions in ACT Clubs.

For about 20 years, I have been an active member of the team looking after the Dog Section of the Royal Canberra Show. I am a life member of ACT Ladies KC, Belconnen ABKC & National Capital KC & recently Derek & I were awarded a Lifetime Achievement award by DogNews for service to the dog world. I always maintained that affiliates rather than DogsACT should run the Championship Shows in Canberra but with dwindling & aging club members, the control has stepped up admirably.

I would really like to see support for clubs in the form of provision of equipment such as computers, printers & the super photocopier to facilitate the running of the club shows, keeping in mind all has been purchased with income derived from clubs, members & exhibitors. With 12 council members & a few other trusted people to oversee, surely one of these could be available on a show day to facilitate & ensure security.

I have much love & respect for DogsACT & sincerely hope the feeling is mutual.

Marcia Kingston

How long have you been a Dogs ACT member? About 35 years.

What breed/s? Cocker Spaniels

What bought you into the dog sports? Having a life long love of dogs, as a child I used to nag my parents into taking me to watch Newcastle region dog shows at Hillsborough – mainly to watch Irish Setters (still a love of mine). It was a dream of mine to be one of those fancy people running around the ring with a beautiful dog.

What would be your greatest dog achievement to date? Best In Shows at all breeds and Cocker Spaniel shows would be high up there - but to handle one of my own ACT bred boys to Reserve Dog at the 2016 Cocker Spaniel National, under a renowned UK breed specialist and against Australia's best in my breed, is something that was so special and will never be forgotten.



What do you like most about being a Dogs ACT member? Being a small jurisdiction we practically all know each other and there is a great sense of community and friendliness. I also like being able to contribute back to the local dog community by being active on various dog club committees that run several ACT shows throughout the year and being a conformation ring steward.

What would you like to see implemented or changed at Dogs ACT? With multiple dog ownership and breeding becoming more and more difficult and expensive in the ACT and threatening our hobby, I believe Dogs ACT is in the best position to be the strong advocate, the go to organisation, and our representative at the table for everything dog related in the ACT.

DogsACT & COVID-19

As members would be aware there are some events starting to recommence across Australia. Dogs ACT have been in negotiations with the ACT Government and EPIC about starting our show training and puppy classes back up. You may be aware that EPIC is currently being used as a COVID-19 testing centre in the Budawang Pavilion. The Covid-19 situation is a rapidly changing situation and one that we have to keep up to date with.

We will trial these classes and on the 31 August 2020 we will re-evaluate. Canberra's Recovery Plan <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/canberra-recovery> is currently in phase 2.2 which allows a maximum of 100 people indoor and outdoor, or one person per 4 square metres, whichever is lesser.

All canine controls are continuously reviewing their shut down measures and we are keen to see our members again doing what they love. If you have ideas, views or a plan that you feel could work for events returning that we can add to our COVID19 Safety Plan we encourage you to send these in to us. We are committed to the safety of our members and strongly believe that we should hear your voices to assist us in making these future plans.

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RSPCA ACT

A POOCH affair
DOGGIE DAY OUT

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Exhibition Park in Canberra

Photo Credit: Allina Fontana Photography

— PAWS BOUTIQUE INDOOR DOG EVENT PAWS —

POSTPONED TO 2021
Date TBA

DOGGIE DINER & LIVE MUSIC
FASHION WALK
TAIL MALL
PLAY AREAS
PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
INTERACTIVE DOG ACTIVITIES
DOGGIE DAY SPA & PAMPER STATION
ENTERTAINMENT, PRESENTATIONS & DEMOS
ANIMAL RESCUE & NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY GROUPS

News from DogsACT Council

The Dogs ACT Council has developed Penalty Guidelines for Dogs ACT members, resident in Canberra only, on which they can comment before the 11 August 2020. This will be discussed at the Dogs ACT AGM. It has been developed so that there is clear procedural fairness when the Dogs ACT Council investigate matters. It also makes it clear to everyone what the consequences may be for specific actions. Dogs ACT Council must take into consideration many factors when deciding on appropriate penalties. Council feel that this Guideline will keep the penalties transparent, fair & consistent. It reminds us all that our choices may have some serious consequences.

Please keep in mind that no current matters will be subject to these guidelines but will take effect once implemented. To check the Guidelines please check the website here, sending your constructive comments to admin@dogsact.org.au with a title of 'Penalty guidelines comments'.



Ms Robyn O'Keefe is currently acting in the Role of Administrator for a further 3 months. She has been doing a wonderful job in this role in keeping the Office and Dogs ACT functioning during this health pandemic. Dogs ACT advertised on our Facebook and Website for an Administrative Assistant for a 3 month period. We are happy to announce that Ms Linda Buckley has won this position.

As many would be aware the Dogs ACT AGM will be coming up towards the end of the year. Have you thought about sitting on the Dogs ACT Council? Do you have a passion for the Dog world? Are you an innovative strategic thinker? Are you able to work in a cohesive group with a common goal to achieve positive outcomes? Are you a solution based person? So many of our members have many different skills and knowledge that could only enhance Dogs ACT. Our official date is now set for 7:30pm on Tuesday 8 September 2020. Proxy votes will be allowed for those that feel that they can't attend due to the health pandemic. We will attempt to live stream the AGM, but please note that this live stream won't be monitored and will be for watching purposes only. We have implemented a Dogs ACT Executive and Council Behaviour Policy and Code of Ethics (found on the website under Rules & Regulations). This will give you a clear idea of what is expected of you in this role.

News from DogsACT Council

We would like to thank the Community workers that have been coming in and assisting at Dogs ACT. The fantastic work that they have been providing to Dogs ACT hasn't gone unnoticed and we very much appreciate having them around.

Do you have a photo of a dog that you are proud of? Dogs ACT would like to invite members to bring in photos to hang in our reception area of Dogs ACT, however there are some conditions:

- The photo shouldn't be bigger than A4.
- Colour or black and white is fine.
- Photo must be framed in a modest, thin frame.
- Photo should be of the dog only. No humans in the photo.
- 1 dog per photo and they should be a 'Champion' or higher in their field of activity.
- Must be of a retired dog that is no longer competing.
- Name/title of dog and a date of the photo if you have one.

These photos will be rotated through, depending on how many members decide to participate.

We have Instagram - ACTDogs!! We will be running a competition for our very first post. The conditions are, you need to add us, add the hashtag #dogsact to your photo on your Instagram picture and tag 5 friends in your photo. Competition closes on 28 August 2020.

DogsACT Council Meeting Dates

Council Meeting Date	Closing Date for Agenda Items
8/7/2020	1/7/20
12/8/2020	5/8/20
9/9/2020	2/9/20
14/10/2020	7/10/20
11/11/2020	4/11/20
9/12/2020	2/12/20
20/1/21	13/1/21
10/2/21	3/2/21

Please contact the DogsACT Office via email (admin@dogsact.org.au) if you have anything you would like addressed at one of the Council Meetings

The Dunbar Awards

The Dunbar AwardsThe Dunbar awards are presented at the Annual General Meeting to Dogs ACT members to honour the dual achievement of dogs that have succeeded in Conformation and Obedience competition. They award three levels: Bronze for dogs that have gained their Championship and Companion Dog (CD) title, Silver for dogs that have gained their Championship and Open (CDX) title and Gold for dogs that have gained their Championship and Utility Dog (UD) title.

The Awards were introduced in 1973 and are named in honour of Colonel Redvers Dunbar (1900-1985). He was an Obedience and Tracking Judge, and Conformation Judge of Gundog and Terrier groups. Colonel Dunbar strongly believed that “dogs with the requisite breeding background benefitted from exposure to the two broad paths of canine development: betterment of the breed through competition in the show ring and obedience work”. He achieved great success with his beloved Labradors in Conformation, Obedience, Tracking and Retrieving. Colonel Dunbar was an Honorary Life Member of Dogs ACT and the ACT Companion Dog Club, where he served as President from 1963 to 1972.

Dogs ACT Regulations, Part 8.14 contain the requirements for the Dunbar Awards



Dual Neuter Ch (RO) Morningmyst
Lord Of The Isle UD RAE ORA ADX JD
GD SPDX SD

Picture: Laraine Frawley



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday 8 September 2020

Dogs ACT Canine Complex Offices, Exhibition Park

Please ensure you bring your current Membership Card and follow all Covid-19 guidelines as displayed.

Motions submitted by members

must be received 60 days before the meeting date

The following positions will be vacated and open for election in 2020:

President, Treasurer and Councillors x 4

Nominations of candidates for election as Council members of the Association must be made in writing, signed by two financial members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form); and must be delivered to the Administrator of the Association *not less than seven days* before the date fixed for the AGM at which the election is to take place. All candidates shall be financial members of the Association and resident in the Australian Capital Territory prior to nomination.

Dunbar Awards

Owners of eligible dogs must apply to Dogs A.C.T by 31 July for presentation at the AGM.

New Members

Applications for membership received after CoB 11 August 2020 will not be processed before the AGM and therefore those applicants will not be eligible to attend and/or vote at the AGM.

Membership due for Renewal

- Applications for renewal of membership will close as at CoB 25 August 2020 and re-open on 9 September 2020. This is to facilitate the processing of renewals and the timely preparation of the list of eligible members for the AGM.
- Members whose renewal falls in August 2020 or earlier, that have not lodged and paid for that renewal prior to CoB 25 August 2020 will NOT be eligible to attend or vote at the AGM.
- Members whose renewal falls within September 2020 and later will remain eligible to attend and vote at the AGM.

Please contact the office if you have enquiries or concerns.



COUNCIL ELECTION – TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

NOMINATION FORM

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER

PO BOX 815 DICKSON ACT 2602

BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

I, (Name) _____

Signed _____

Financial Membership No _____

Hereby nominate _____

For the position of _____

Seconded by (Name) _____

Signed _____

Financial Membership No. _____

I, (Name) _____

The person nominated above agree to accept the nomination

Financial membership No _____

Signed _____

Dated _____

I understand that if elected, I will hold this position for a period of 2 years

Positions available

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

4 X COUNCIL MEMBERS

Date received _____

Initials of Returning Officer _____

Dogs ACT – Annual General Meeting Voting During Covid-19

Recent advice has been received from the Registrar-General's office advising of amendments to the Associations Incorporations Act 1991 in response to the continued impact of COVID-19.

Legislation has been amended, for this year only, to allow incorporated associations to allow Proxy voting at their AGM's. Guidelines for voting, which is limited to current financial full membership include:

- All votes must be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than 5 proxies
- Each member is entitled to appoint another member as proxy.
- Appointment of Proxy must be on the official 'Appointment of Proxy' Form.
- All 'Appointment of Proxy' Forms must be with the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting for which the proxy is appointed.

If you are unable to attend the Dogs ACT AGM on 8th September 2020 you may nominate a full financial Member to vote on your behalf. The official Proxy Voting Form will be available on the website by 25th August 2020. Associate Members and Junior Members are not entitled to vote at any meeting of Dogs ACT.



Show Dog/Puppy Training

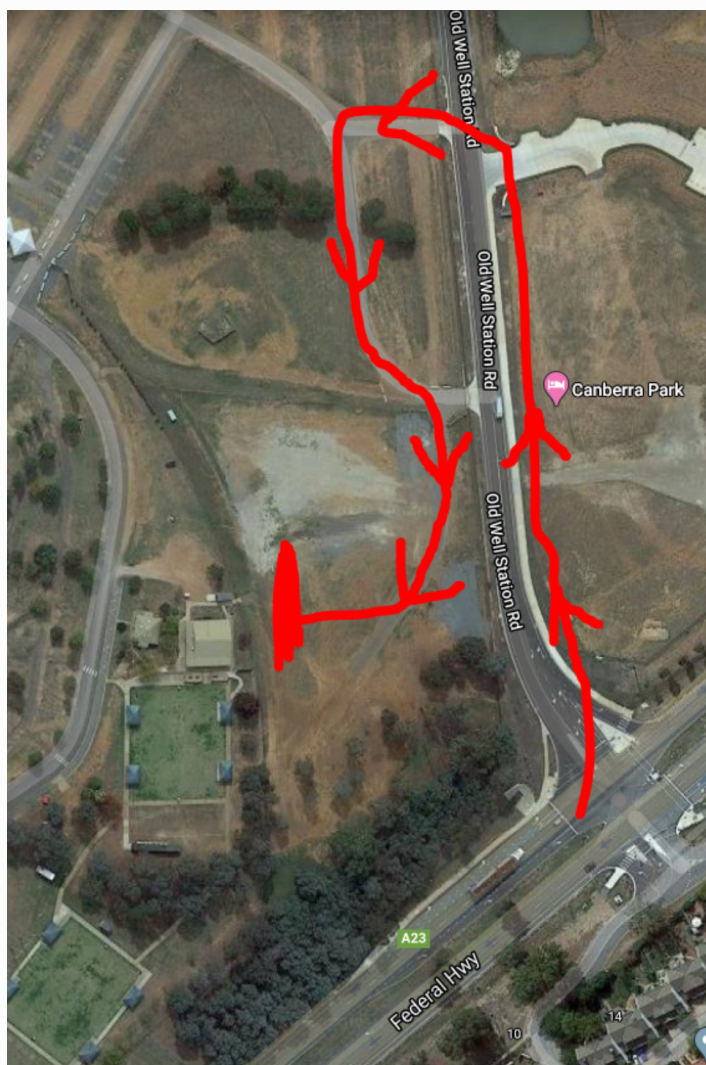
We are very happy to announce that EPIC and the ACT Government have given us the green light to commence show dog/puppy training from the 17th June 2020. Keep an eye on the 'Canberra Area Show Dog Socialisation and Training' Facebook page for further updates.

- Bookings for training are essential! They can be made through Show Manager.
- No spectators.
- Attendees are to enter EPIC via Old Wells Station Rd and park at the back of the Dogs ACT Office.
- You will be required to fill out an attendance form.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and members will be encouraged to use it
- Social distancing is a must!

We are committed to keeping our members safe while providing a fun learning space. The Council would like to thank Di Gooding and Caleb Fryar for all of their hard work. Their volunteer work certainly doesn't go unnoticed and we are very lucky and grateful to have them.

Map for Dogs ACT training.

Just a reminder to members that if you are attending the office or training you are to park out the back in the car park closest to Old Wells Station Rd. We have included a map to show members where they should go.



Puppy Pre-School is BACK!

Classes are every Thursday and bookings are to be made through the office. We would like to thank Melanie Newman Salon Essentials for their donation for our puppy packs!



Puppy Pre-School

Dogs ACT (DACT) is the peak body for Dog Ownership, welfare, care and training in the ACT region. This gives you peace of mind that you will receive practical, relevant and up-to-date information and guidance with your puppy, enabling you to enjoy your newest family member and have the confidence that he/she will be well mannered and socially adjusted.

Qualified and experienced instructors

Reward based, balanced training techniques

Clean, safe and dedicated premises

At DACT Puppy Pre-School our focus is on **how dogs learn and socialise** as well as **general care and welfare**. The topics covered include:

- The Critical Socialisation Phase
- Operant conditioning
- “Capture” and “Lure” training techniques
- The Principles of Socialisation
- Puppy health and general care
- Basic first aid for dogs
- Your dog and the law

Puppy Pre-School is BACK!



Registration includes:

5 x 1 hr sessions (1 per week)
Associate Membership to Dogs ACT
Training booklet
Puppy starter pack

Venue: Dogs ACT Club Room.

Exhibition Park In Canberra (EPIC)

To register please call (DACT) or email

admin@dogsact.org.au

Registration Type	Cost \$	Inclusions			
		5 x 1 hr sessions	Associate Membership to Dogs ACT	Training booklet	Puppy starter pack
Non DACT Member	\$151	😊	😊	😊	😊
DACT Member	\$100 first timer \$50 subsequent puppy (within 12 months)	😊	n/a	😊	😊
ANKC Registered Breeder	\$50 first puppy of a litter Subsequent puppies, same litter, kept by breeder Free	😊	n/a	n/a	n/a





BELCONNEN DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

Morisset Road, Mitchell ACT (corner of Flemington Road and Sandford Street)

OBEDIENCE MOCK TRIAL

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020

12:15pm start

Please do not arrive before 12:00pm

BDOC Members – free entry

Non BDOC Members – gold coin entry

Limit of 2 dogs per handler

Please enter by emailing your dog's name and level to obedience@bdoc.asn.au by Friday 24 July

Please note that numbers may be capped as we only have a short timeslot

Priority for entry will be given to BDOC members

Mock Trial Rules

- Your team must be at, or close to, trialling level (this is not a session for complete newbies)
- There are no restrictions on how you reward your dog in the ring, but please be mindful of time (no 5-minute tugging sessions please)
- If using food rewards, please be considerate of other competitors (clean up after yourself!)
- All competitors will be expected to assist in the running of the mock trial (stewarding, judging, giving feedback, etc)
- Talking, playing, and laughing in the ring is encouraged

Prefix & Litters

NEW PREFIXES

Prefix	State	Member
Kezzadae	ACT	Mrs K Evens
Pomfire	ACT	Ms R O'Keefe

TRANSFERED PREFIXES

Prefix	State	Member
Stirlinchi	VIC	Mrs C J Stirling

LITTERS

GROUP	BREED	PREFIX	OWNER
TOY	Italian Greyhound	CHIAGRES	Ms M Keast
GUNDOG.	Cocker Spaniel (American) Golden Retriever	LANDMARK SONZA	Mrs S A Styles Dr J & Mrs G & Mr H Montgomery
Working Dogs.	German Shepherd Dog	UHLMSDORF	Mrs V Fairbairn & Mr W Meffert
UTILITY	Cane Corso Dobermann	SPQRKA REDSHIFT	Mrs A Costa Miss J Rebbeck & Mrs J Cahill
NON-SPORTNG.	French Bulldog Sher Pei	IKONIC SWEETIEPEI	Mr D & Mrs C Beacock Ms K Dack



HISTORY OF THE BICHON FRISE

Produced by Melanie Newman and John Hutchinson

It is believed to have been imported into France by Francis I, King of France, during the time of the Renaissance, coming from Italy from the court of Rome. All the Kings of France had these little white dogs until the French Revolution. Marie Antoinette was thought to have had three dogs at the time of the Revolution, but those, along with others owned by the aristocracy were exterminated at that time.

The Bichon Frise was extremely popular in the times of French Royalty and was much doted on. Henry III was thought to be very fond of the breed. In paintings of the 17th and 18th century little white dogs resembling the Bichon are seen in the company of Lords and Ladies.

When the French Royalty fell from favour however, so too did the little dogs. The aristocrat Bichon Frise became the democratic (or peoples) Bichon Frise and in this way became very popular in the streets. He accompanied organ players, distracting passers-by with his clown like antics and expression.

The First World War dealt a serious blow to the breed and between the two great wars the breed practically disappeared. It was only the dedication of those breeders in France and Belgium that kept the breed alive. And how grateful are we today that they did.

The Early 1970's saw the breed start to become an accepted winning breed in the show ring, and from there many countries around the world have embraced the breed and contributed greatly to its world standing.

Harry and Margaret Begg, NSW, were the first people to import the Bichon Frise into Australia around 1975.

The first litter in Australia was born in March 1977, bred by Dianne Crosby-Brown in New South Wales, whilst Victoria's first litter was born in March 1978, bred by Mrs Norma Thomson.

The Bichon Frise Club of Victoria was established in 1979, and held its very first Open show in 1980.

CHARACTERISTICS

The Bichon Frise is a lively white dog with black pigment, free flowing movement with a proud head carriage, and tail carried over back.

He is a character in every respect. A wonderful companion, he can be a clown or a snuggle blanket or whatever he chooses. He does obedience very well, and can do dis-obedience even better when it suits. But overall the Bichon Frise is the most wonderful dog you could ever own. They have a wonderful outlook on life, and can win over everyone they meet.

APPEARANCE

When presented for show, they have a “Powder Puff” appearance, being scissored in a rounded off shape all over. With their gorgeous rounded head furnishings, and their lovely black pigmentation, they have the most appealing little faces.



TRAINING

The Bichon Frise can be trained to do all sorts of things. Over the years we have seen many dogs compete in Obedience and Agility and do very well, and of course, remember they earned their living on the street with organ grinders doing tricks etc. They are great show dogs, and just love to show themselves off.

In a family environment, they are easily trained. Bichons are very intelligent and will easily learn house training and other basic commands as long as these are given in a consistent manner.

GROOMING

Bichon Frise is a curly coated breed, which has minimal shedding. Bichons are a playful breed and are very adventurous. They require a regular grooming.

- Brushing -2-3 times per week
- Bathing- weekly to 4 weekly
- Nail trimming -1-3 weekly
- Ear cleaning -1-3 weeks this will help prevent ear infections
- Groomed by a professional groomer every 2-8 weeks, which would include clipping and trimming of their coat.
- Grooming equipment: Slicker, Metal comb, Coat conditioning spray/Detangling spray, Shampoo, Conditioner, Nail trimmers, Ear cleaner.

FACTS ABOUT THE BREED

- Puppies are only about 170 grams (6oz) when born
- The Average life span is about 14 years – but many live to 16 and some live to 19 or over
- The dark pigment around the eyes is know as Halos
- The breed stands less than 30cms at the shoulder (breed standard)
- Bichons will sometimes stand on their back legs and “flap” their feet
- The correct pronunciation of Bichon Frise is “Beeshon Freesay”

ANKC ACTIVITIES

The Bichon generally competes in Conformation, Obedience and Agility.

BOOK REVIEWS

The latest book on the breed is “BICHON FRISE – A Comprehensive Study”

The book provides a wealth of knowledge and insight into this enchanting breed. The Author, John Hutchison, has a lifetime of experience in the breed as a breeder, exhibitor, judge, and a talented lecturer on the breed, and shares with the reader his great knowledge. You will learn about:

The Breed History, Key Features of the Breed, Breeding and caring for puppies, Solving puppy problems, Secrets of the world’s best breeders, Stories of the great dogs in the breed, Grooming your Bichon Frise...and much more

Not often does a Breed Specialist share so much knowledge with others, but John’s passion for the breed is well known and this work is a rare opportunity to share in that passion.

With more than 200 pages packed full of information and more than 200 photos of dogs from the current and yesteryear (many of which have never been published), this work is certain to become the standard by which others are measured.

Whether you are a long term breeder or exhibitor, share your life with a Bichon Frise, or someone who just admires the breed, this book has something for you, and is certain to become a valuable part of your reference library.



Stand and Wait

By Di Gooding

We see it all too often; a dog standing perfectly, looking supreme, until of course that big scary judge approaches! If only they would stay put and accept their fate of being touched by a complete stranger. I mean, its not a lot to ask for is it?

Well, let me put it to you; if we were standing in a field, having a pleasant chat, then all of a sudden a loud roar erupts from over the horizon and Godzilla appears!! That is fine, I will grab you and stand behind you -being sure to have you placed firmly between myself and the oncoming monster. You would be comfortable with that hey? No? Oh.

What if I had superpowers and stood between you and Godzilla? Feel better now? Thought so.

Well, this can be exactly how your show dog feels when you choose to put them out there, between you and the oncoming monster (Let's face it, some judges deserve that title ♦). I have always stood in front of my dogs, especially as youngsters to "Fill the gap" as the judge approaches. I might even take a slight step toward the approaching monster and move back toward the puppy with them -thus "Inviting them into our space". It really disappoints me to see people "Pushing" their dogs toward Godzilla, telling them "Your fine, its just a nice judge". All your dog hears is Blah, blah, blah, monster"..... Not a pleasant experience for anyone.

"But that's how you stack and show a dog" you say. Yes, I hear you, and if you are one of those people that chooses to manually stack your dog and stand behind it proudly holding its tail and/or head then you still have the option to move to stand in front as the judge approaches.

"But my dog moves or sits when I move". Oh, really, so you have not taught it to stand solid then. So, who is at fault here? You, or the dog? Yep, no Mrs Nice Trainer here sorry; it is all on you. OK, how can we give our dogs the confidence to take on Godzilla and understanding of the behaviour required to stand and wait? Well, there is no simple fix sorry. Let us separate the two things.

Confidence is generally considered as partly nature and partly nurture. Some breeds are born oozing confidence while others find it challenging. But even the most anxious dog, through consistent, well planned experiences can overcome its fears. On the other hand, the most confident of dogs can have a single episode turn them in their tracks.

It is your duty as protector and teacher to ensure that your dog has as many positive, purposeful experiences as you can July 2020 muster. Remembering we live in the real world, so sometimes your dog may not enjoy or appreciate an activity (Like getting an injection), but if the good stuff outweighs the not so good, then your dog will develop better coping methods. Also, remember the Godzilla effect and always predict what might be challenging for your dog and either remove it from the scene (add distance), or place yourself between Godzilla and your dog (Fill the gap).

Behaviour is the second part to being able to stand solid for a stranger. For this, your dog needs three things:

1. An understanding of the behaviour required. What is the behaviour required and how does your dog know when it is doing the right thing?
2. An appreciation for the consequence. What does it get if it performs the behaviour and how much value does it place in that reward?
3. A release mechanism. This can simply be a word or action that lets your dog know it is free to change or leave the behaviour.

A well balanced, reward based positive reinforcement training routine will assist you in achieving the above points. We can discuss that in depth in another session ♦. For now, let's deal with the whole moving problem once a stack is attained and a judge approaches. A nice and simple command to teach your dog is to "Wait".



Wait. I start "Wait" lessons for a dog by asking them to "Wait" for their feed. I simply stand with the food in their bowl and as I go to place it down, I watch them carefully. If they make any movement forward, I immediately pull the food bowl back up saying "Wait" as I stand. Once they stand (Or sit - doesn't really matter) still I start to move toward the ground again. Each time they make any movement forward I repeat the process until I can get the food to the ground without them moving forward. Once on the ground I release them. Now, don't get worked up if the first few times you try this your dog goes nuts trying to get the food. This is what we call an "Extinction burst" -we will cover that in another session too. Just persist and they will get the hang of it.

Another scenario to introduce the virtues of "Wait" is moving through doorways (or gates). Stand at the door with the dog and open it slightly. If the dog moves toward the opening July 2020 pull/push it shut and say "Wait". Continue this, increasing the gap each time, and pulling shut anytime the dog moves forward. Once you can get the door all the way open without a fuss, either release them, or move through the door leaving them behind. Be sure to release them if you have left them behind though.

Putting it into practice. Once your dog has the basic understanding of the behaviour you can apply it to many other scenarios, including waiting while a judge completes their examination. Remembering of course not to push a dog beyond its means too soon. Baby steps. Here is a basic plan for teaching your dog to wait while being examined.

1. Have your dog stand square with you standing in front (Front onto his nose)
2. Ask it to wait and take a small step back, returning straight away to your original position. If it moves, place it back into the stand and try again, saying "Wait".
3. Once you can get one step back -doing it at least ten times straight without breaking, then move to two steps back.
4. Continue this way until the desired distance is achieved.

Once you are confident that you can stand the desired distance and have the dog wait, its time to bring Godzilla back in. Eeek. Back to baby steps.

1. Set your dog and stand in front.
2. Have the person approach and reward your dog should it stand solid. If it moves, say "Wait". Hopefully, it will stop dead in its tracks. If not, re-set and start again.
3. Once the person can at least touch the dogs head they should then immediately retreat so that you can release and reward the dog.
4. Once you have that step solid, have the person progress to touching the head and neck using the same principle as above.
5. Build this up a little at a time until the person can go over the dog completely.
6. If at any time the dog moves, go back to the step before.

Stay v Wait. The "Stay" and "wait" commands in my training have two slightly different meanings. Stay is very formal and generally means "Wait there in that pose (Sitting/lying) and don't move while I go over here and do something, then I will come back to you"; while Wait means "Hang ten just a sec, I may, or may not come back to you". If you plan to do obedience or other related dog sports then best to separate these commands.



The Rise of Trick Dog Training in Australia

By Amy Curran

Teaching your dog tricks is not a new thing, many of us have enjoyed teaching our dogs to shake, rollover and beg. However, Trick Training as a recognised sport, is!

The American Kennel Club (AKC) has recognised Trick Training for several years, and has a well-established process for dogs to gain their titles, as well as individuals to gain qualifications to be able to assess dogs for these titles. The Do More With Your Dog (DMWYD) program developed by Stunt Performer Kyra Sundance, works closely with the AKC to train and certify individuals as Instructors, so they can then go on to train and assess dogs and submit their results for their official AKC title.

The Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) introduced Trick Dog as a recognised discipline on the 1st of January 2020. The NSW first training workshop was held in December 2019 and attended by Trick Dog sub-committee members and many keen Dogs NSW members. The first competition (trial) was held the following month, and attendees had the chance to be assessed four times. Many gained their Starter Trick Title at this trial, as three passes are needed.

Unfortunately the COVID-19 lockdown put a hold on this exciting new discipline, but many remained excited and wanting to learn more. I was already aware of the DMWYD program offered in the United States as I had looked into it several times, but didn't have the spare time to go further while we were actively showing our dogs. I contacted DMWYD and after a rigorous online course which included a multiple choice exam, a written assessment, and several video submissions of myself teaching others and my own dogs, I gained my Certified Trick Dog Instructor (CTDI) qualification. I started a group on Facebook 'Australian Allstars Trick Training', which now has close to 500 active members and close to 200 DMWYD Trick Titles have been awarded. Members have loved being able to train their dogs during this time, and receive help and encouragement from others. All breeds of dog are welcome to join in, and all levels of training. The first level 'Novice' incorporates basic commands such as watch, sit, stay and walk on a loose leash so it's the perfect start point for any dog, even those with no training at all.

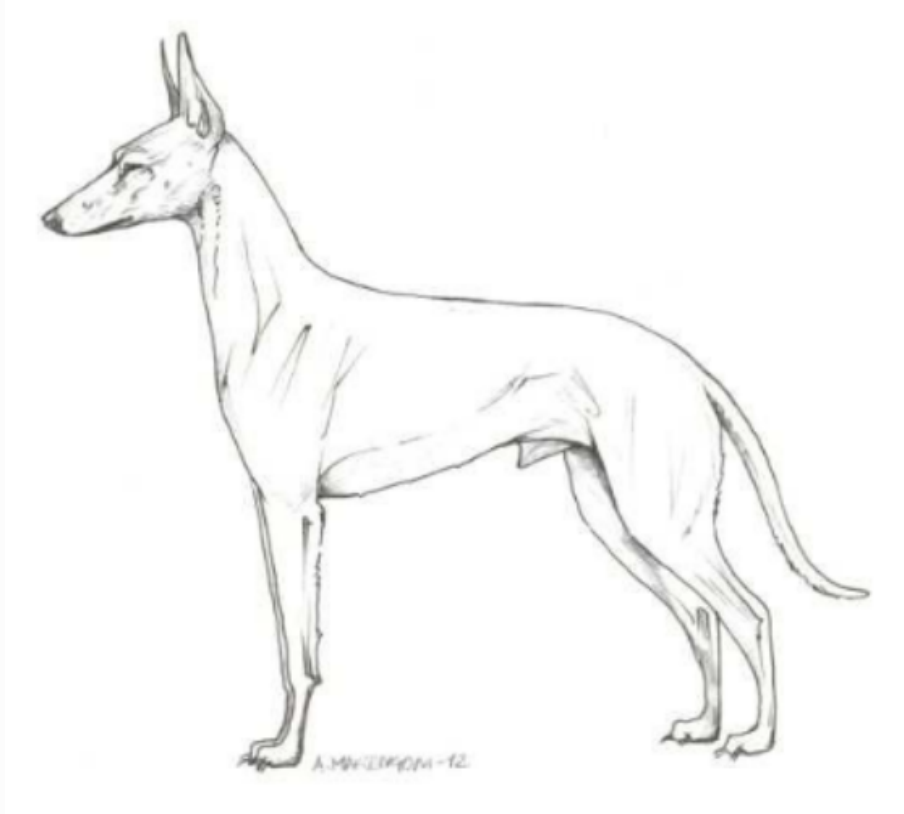
As restrictions started to ease, an in person workshop was requested. With the help of Caron McGregor and Andrew Morrison of Nireno Pembroke Corgis, we set to work on organising and conducting the first privately run workshop for this new discipline. The numbers were capped at ten dogs, to allow individual attention for dogs and their owners, and the workshop was booked out within 48 hours. Attendees came from all directions, even from interstate, and all had a fantastic time learning new tricks, gaining awards and enjoying the spit roast lunch! Requests are rushing in daily for the next one!

Planning is underway and we are thrilled to announce the next event will be held on Saturday 22nd August 2020, at Black Springs in NSW. So what are you waiting for? Join the online Facebook group 'Australian Allstars Trick Training' and starting doing more with your dog under the guidance of CTDI Amy Curran.

NEWS FROM THE ANKC

CIRNECO DELL'ETNA

An application has been received for re-registration of the following FCI recognized breed: CIRNECO DELL'ETNA. This breed is being allocated to ANKC Group 4 (Hounds) as confirmed by the National Breed Standards Coordination Group. The ANKC website will be updated accordingly



NEWS AROUND DOGS ACT



Kelly Dack & Richard "Pumba" Wilson

A huge congratulations to Dogs ACT members **KELLY DACK & RICHARD "PUMBA" WILSON** on their recent engagement! We are thrilled for you both and wish you both the best in the future!

Recently DogsACT advertised for an Administration Assistant for a 3 month period. We are thrilled to announce that **Ms Linda Buckley** has been selected! Congratulations!



Linda Buckley

We would like to announce some new members to DogsACT:

- Scott Douglas
- Leighanne Reid
- James Alford
- Kate Batterham
- Melanie & Mark Titley
- Maxine Freeman-Robinson
- Attapol Wonglamtong

Congratulations to the following of passing their breeders exam:

- Felicity Hopf
- Danielle Small
- Vanessa March

Just a reminder to new members. You must be a member of DogsACT for 12 months before you can sit the breeders exam.

JACKS FACTS

Hi my name is Jack,

I am 6 years old and this a dog fact I would like to share with you.

A dog's nose print is unique much as a person finger print.

Look forward to sharing more dog facts with you all next time

From Jack



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Dogs ACT members, Clubs and affiliates.

Do you have news??? We would love to hear from you to help us grow a sense of community for all of our members, especially during these hard times during Covid-19.

It doesn't have to be a big contribution, you may have a new committee member to introduce, birth, death, marriage, an achievement, photos of your members having fun with their dogs.

This is your platform and we encourage you to stay in touch with members.

Please email daniellejs87@hotmail.com no later than a week before the end on the month and we will include your news in the newsletter.

For the August edition please have your submission ready and sent by COB 21 st Aug 2020, for September COB 24 th September 2020.



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