

Dogs ACT

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From Dogs ACT

Dogs ACT would like to express their gratitude and thank all its members and affiliates for their patience over this past 10 months when everyone had to remain in Canberra. While we have been in lockdown, we have had more time to be with our canines and there are always more things to learn with and from them.

Now that we are in a new year, we can all hope that 2021 is a better one for all of our events. Last year saw us rise above unexpected challenges and find inventive ways to communicate with each other. We look forward to this year and while there are still challenges ahead, we hope that everyone will pull together.

Are you a new member of Dogs ACT? Do you know the sports you can take part in? Are you a seasoned member but never got to check out all the other sports you and your dog can take part in? Then check [here](#) for most of our dog sports and [here](#) for knowing what dog shows are all about.

Several years ago, a Dogs ACT member set up a page in Facebook (*Canberra area show dog socialisation and training*) to encourage members to attend our socialisation and dog training evenings. Please be advised that this page no longer covers any Dogs ACT authorised training. Dogs ACT posts their training information on their own Facebook page (Dogs ACT – Canberra) and you should check this page for information. Dogs ACT training and socialisation classes recommenced on Wed 20th January and at just \$5 for an hour, it's a great spend to get your dogs socialised and maybe show trained. Bookings only via [Show Manager](#).

We now have a **QR code** for Dogs ACT. When you come to visit the office, attend a meeting or information session it is important that you register your attendance. If you have the “Check In CBR” app, open it, place the phone near the code and it will automatically register your visit. Dogs ACT recommends putting this app on your phone as it will get you speedily through many venues in Canberra. (A QR code is a machine-readable code consisting of an array of black/white squares).

For our Dogs ACT travellers - If you are visiting NSW for any event, you will need to also know about the “Service NSW” app. During these times of Covid-19 NSW has made it

mandatory for all businesses to use the “Service NSW” app. If you visit a hospitality venue, you must check in AND out. Seems you need to check out to remove the need to quarantine for 14 days. The NSW government are very keen to conduct contact tracing and if you don’t check out (after 01Jan21) it’s possible they might ask you to quarantine.

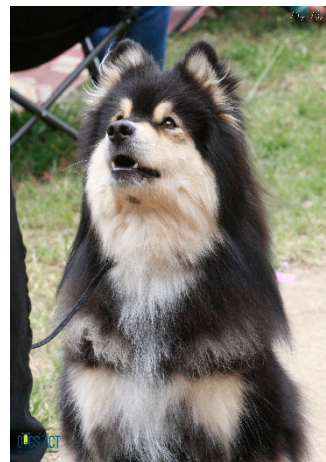
From the Office - If you have a litter of puppies, please double check completion of the form to get the puppies registered before sending, or taking, it into Dogs ACT. The office often gets blank pages and remember if you fill out the forms incorrectly it will only hold up the processing.

Your diary – February

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| 10Feb21 | Agility Trial (Ribbon Agility) Tuggeranong DTC
Dog training and socialisation classes |
| 17Feb21 | Dog training and socialisation classes |
| 20Feb21 | Agility Evening Trial (Jumping and Games) CDC |
| 24Feb21 | Dog training and socialisation classes |
| 27Feb21 | Royal Canberra Show
Royal Canberra Group Shows (1,4 and 5) |
| 28Feb21 | Royal Canberra Show
Royal Canberra Group Shows (2,3,6 and 7) |

Show news

Were you at the shows in December? The ACT Ladies and Canberra Kennel Clubs held 4 championship shows in December. Here are a few candid shots taken at the shows. If you want to see what else were snapped and for all enquiries and purchases please contact Dana Fotos not Dogs ACT.



Show News

The ACT Ladies and Canberra All Breeds Clubs were able to hold 4 championship shows in mid-December, made possible due to relaxed covid-19 restrictions on the Dogs ACT Grounds at EPIC. These had been the first shows since the Royal Canberra Show at the end of February and it is hoped to hold more shows in 2021, pending covid-19 limitations. The next events on the show calendar on 27/28Feb is the Royal Canberra Show which also has an additional seven (7) group shows this year.

Now that there are new outbreaks of Covid-19 in Australia, borders closed and restrictions placed on travel. Dogs ACT were arranging undercover shows for the end of January however due to these new restrictions these were postponed. We aim to try for mid-March and hope that restrictions would be eased. Dogs ACT will let you know closer to the time of future events.

Australia is a partner to the FCI (Federation Cynologique Internationale) located in Europe but with partners across the world. We post all FCI notices on our website under the 'ANKC and FCI News' tab. The FCI with such a large member base set rules for their officials as well as breed standards. They advise these partners of their actions and one of their latest is to change the words 'pure bred' to 'pedigree' when discussing dogs.

Are you a member of an affiliate? Are you looking for dates to hold an event? The National Capital KC have advised that they are holding their usual all breeds shows over the Anzac weekend but will only be doing so only in the mornings. They believe that an affiliate could perhaps get more entries if they wanted to hold an event in the afternoons of this weekend. Dates are Fri 23rd, Sun 25th and Mon 26th April 2021. If you are interested please contact the office as soon as possible.

Are you considering becoming a conformation judge? Dogs ACT have announced their next Conformation Judges Training Program for 2021. There are requirements to be met but you can read all the relevant information on our website at [Judges Training Scheme – Conformation 2021 : Dogs ACT](#) Closing dates for trainees is cob Mon 01Feb21 and aspirants at cob Mon 15Feb21.

Show training and socialisation classes have recommenced each Wed evening starting at 6pm. Just \$5 per dog per class, go to Show Manager and look for ACT Events. See you there!

News Dots

Summer has arrived in Canberra and with it comes more fun in the sun with your dog. It's crucial for your dog's health that they drink adequate amounts of water. It's important you are aware of the signs of dehydration in dogs. Some of these are a dry mouth and nose; loss of skin elasticity; reduced energy levels; dull or sunken eyes and darker coloured or smelly urine. Make sure your dog is hydrated and it is advised not to take them out for exercise in the heat of the day.

If you are a breeder then take a few moments and read the ANKC statement on the frequent contact from potential buyers when they ask how much for puppy?
<http://ankc.org.au/MemberNewsItemDetail/?id=3263>

Ever wondered how we got the colours for Dogs ACT? When we changed the name from ACTCA to trade as Dogs ACT we needed a new logo; therefore, we needed new colours. Blue and white are the livery colours of the ACT but blue and gold are the traditional sporting colours and were taken from the national blue and gold appearing on the wreath of the Australian Coat of Arms. So it was with that knowledge we picked the colours of blue and gold. Its distinctive and you will see it on all of our advertising or information.

Do you look at the Dogs ACT website? If not, you are doing yourself a disservice as all the information posted elsewhere on other media outlets are posted there **first**. Under the '[Members News](#)' tab on the front page is one listed for 'News for Members and Affiliate Clubs 2021' which is your first place to visit, also the newsletter is there too. The 'Calendar, Clubs, Events' tab has your calendar, affiliate details, dog sport activities and much more. Take a look and see what you may have been missing. Dogs ACT appreciates that not everyone has social media so the website is where everything is placed. Facebook, Instagram and the Dogs ACT App are also additional avenues for information from Dogs ACT for members. Knowing this you now have no excuse!

For Clubs/Affiliates – when completing the judges' contracts, please ensure that all details are contained within the form not just their name and the date of the event/s. Dogs ACT has to process all event applications and are swifter when all information is listed on the judges' contracts.

Sports News

The National Obedience and Tracking Committee met early in 2020 and have put together new rules for Obedience and Rally trials. These came into effect on 1st January 2021.

Check the rules at the ANKC page - [Rules \(ankc.org.au\)](https://www.ankc.org.au/rules)

Dogs ACT would like to congratulate Sue Howie on passing her UD examinations and becoming a UD judge. Well done Sue!

Noseworks began as a new ANKC recognised sport on 1st July 2020 and they have started getting their nationally trained foundation judges qualified. Congratulations to them and good luck to this year's participants. A link to the rules can be found [here](#).

Want to try Agility?

Then check out at 14Min 35secs (14:35) this link to an ABC podcast where they discuss trying dog agility. It started as chat on heat stroke and stress then at the 14:35 mark it goes on to talk about dog agility. This makes interesting listening for about 15 mins where the presenter tries her hand at doing agility with her novice dog.

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/sporty/heat-stress-plus-dog-agility-training/12946854>

Congratulations to the Obedience and Training Clubs for starting back with obedience trials, trick dog events, and agility trials. Each Club has their own Covid plan in place for each event and everything is going well.

News for Obedience and Tracking

The National Obedience and Tracking Committee Chairperson, Raelee Hedger has advised the committee has discussed and agreed the following highlighted wording is required to be added to the rules to clarify the intent of the rule:

Currently reads - Class 6 Titles page 6 - R.A.E. – signifying Rally Advanced Excellent - To qualify for the title of RAE a dog and Handler team must receive a minimum of five (5) qualifying scores, in both the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent Classes at the same trial, of 80 points or more out of a possible perfect score of 100, under at least two different Judges. All qualifications gained in the Advanced B and Excellent B Classes towards an R.A.E. Title that were gained prior to 1st Jan 2021 will remain valid. From 1st Jan 2021 any additional qualifying scores required for an R.A.E. Title will be gained from the Advanced and Excellent Classes at the same trial.

To read - R.A.E. – signifying Rally Advanced Excellent - To qualify for the title of RAE a dog and Handler team **having gained its Rally Excellent (RE) title, must receive an additional** minimum of five (5) qualifying scores, in both the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent Classes at the same trial, of 80 points or more out of a possible perfect score of 100, under at least two different Judges. All qualifications gained in the Advanced B and Excellent B Classes towards an R.A.E. Title that were gained prior to 1st Jan 2021 will remain valid. From 1st Jan 2021 any additional qualifying scores required for an R.A.E. Title will be gained from the Advanced and Excellent Classes at the same trial.

In addition, an error has been found in the Rally rules - see below.

Currently reads - Page 6 Class Titles – R CH – signifying Rally Champion - Upon having been granted the Rally Master title in order to receive the R.CH title a dog must qualify a further ten (10) times with qualifying scores of 90 or more points in the Rally Master Class under 3 different judge". (wording from 2015 Rally Obedience rule book instead of the amended February 2016 rule book.)

To read page 6 Class Titles R CH – signifying Rally Champion - The Member Body will receive applications for the title of Rally Champion (R. CH) in connection with each dog which, having gained its Rally Master (RM) title, thereafter gains a further ten (10) qualifying scores of 90 or more points in the Rally Master Class under at least three (3) different judges.

Rear End Awareness

We would like to reiterate for those folks who want to hold events on the Dogs ACT grounds that we are on the EPIC site and as such as in the midst of an Emergency Response Centre. EPIC, being part of the ACT Government, has strict rules for anyone wanting to hold an event. Dogs shows are part of the events we want to hold however it took the clubs which held shows in mid-December over three and a half months to finalise the requirements from the ACT Department of Health. Its not an easy or quick process, so please get your Covid plans ready and send with your submission for events.

