

Dogs ACT newsletter

K9 Capers



ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW – 27/28 Feb21

Some photos have arrived from the Royal Canberra Show – this was a large event with over 1100 entries over 2 days. The newsletter is late due to wanting to provide these to you.



BEST IN SHOW



RUNNER UP IN SHOW

BABY PUPPY IN SHOW



PUPPY IN SHOW



From Dogs ACT

FOR ALL CLUBS –When updating your official position information after an AGM can you please supply the following to the office: Names, Membership Numbers, phone numbers and emails of those elected.

From the Office for ALL CLUBS and MEMBERS – the Office wishes to advise that all correspondence must come through the office. They have been advised that clubs and members are writing direct to EPIC, the ANKC and the ACT Government. This will hold up any issue you wish addressed as these organisations send such mail back to Dogs ACT. We can help support your request but not if the correspondence bounces from one place to another. The Office thanks you for your continued support.

Dogs ACT has bought a **defibrillator**. Many thanks to those Clubs and members who have donated funds to purchase it. The box within which it is held is kept just inside the meeting room door to your right, next to the first aid kit box.

If you need it do not be concerned as the defibrillator has voice commands to tell you what to do should someone on the grounds be suffering from a heart attack. Of course, your immediate reaction should be to contact ‘000’ for an ambulance but the defibrillator can be used in the meantime.

For All **Group 6** Judges – The ANKC recognised TORNJAK has been moved from Group 5 (working) into the Utility Group. Its standard can be found [here](#).

For all **Group 4** Judges – the ANKC has this year included Dachshund Kaninchen – Long haired, smooth haired & Wire haired. Standard can be found [here](#). The previous 6 Dachshund breeds are also on the ANKC website.

FCI News – The FCI Executive Director, Y de Clerq, sent a letter to Australia indicating that due to the sanitary situation (Covid-19) they had cancelled the 2020 FCI European Section Dog Show due to be held in Slovenia due to be held in October 2020, postponed to May 2021 had been definitively cancelled.

Do you want to get your dog socialised or even trained ready for showing? Dogs ACT have Wednesday night training classes starting at 6pm, lasting an hour. To sign up, as we need to know numbers, you need to register your interest on [Show Manager](#) and pay only \$5 per class. Show Manager has an event calendar and ACT will upload the classes ready for you to enter on this calendar. Come along; these classes have been put onto the Dogs ACT covid-plan and are therefore covered under the ACT Government regulations.

Do you want to help run a show on the grounds? Are you connected with a club or two? If not, why not volunteer to assist. Clubs always need people to purchase trophies, set up rings on the day, cater for the events, and most importantly take things down or away at the conclusion of events. Why not be a Dogs ACT Volunteer? Please contact the office on admin@dogsact.org.au and we will put you in touch with someone who can guide you. Dogs Victoria maintain a library at their offices and they have sought our help in seeking some missing Canberra journals. If any member has a copy of the dates listed below please contact the person listed in Victoria.

Missing Canberra Journals

1981 January/February, July/August, September/ October

1980 Need all except May/June and September/October

1976 Need all except March/April

If you can assist Dogs Victoria to complete their collection could you please forward to Dogs Victoria Library Locked Bag K9 Cranbourne Vic 3977 or contact Chairperson Heather Simpson email corwin@iinet.net.au

There will shortly be a conformation stewards course at the Dogs ACT meeting room. If you wish to attend please register your interest with the office on admin@dogsact.org.au as soon as possible so that we can advise the trainer of numbers.

A summary of Scent Work requirements for Clubs and Members will be posted on the Dogs ACT website. If you are interested in this sport or keen to run an event please read the documents which have been provided by the Dogs ACT representative, Ms Julie Cutts. Dogs ACT would like to express their gratitude to Julie for all the hard work she has put in to getting this sport onto the ANKC list of recognised disciplines and for her fastidiousness in preparing these documents.

The Royal Canberra Show was held this year in conjunction with an additional 7 group shows. There were 1100 entries for the Royal and over 1000 for the group shows; a very pleasing entry. Covid restrictions placed on Canberra are slowly being eased and while Dogs ACT encourage all Clubs to continue running events, Dogs ACT will be holding shows over the weekend normally reserved for the July Extravaganza this year (3/4 July21). News to follow soon!

News Dots

Have you heard that the Canberra Racing Club is finalising initial redevelopment plans for Thoroughbred Park in Lyneham that could include three to six-storey apartment blocks, a commercial precinct, new stables and training facilities on the track infield and refreshed facilities for racegoers? The club says the long-term project would deliver 3200 dwellings on the light rail corridor, generate \$1 billion in economic activity and more than 2,000 jobs. It is preparing to take the plans, which are the product of several years' work, to community consultation in February.

For those new to Canberra, Thoroughbred Park is in Randwick Road, Lyneham – opposite and very close to the main entrance to EPIC (opposite end to the Dogs ACT office).

Haig Park in Canberra opened a new Farmers Market on Sun 7Feb21 and will open each Sunday from 8am to 2pm. There are approximately 40 stallholders at its start, there will be live music and dogs are welcome (on a leash).

Did you know that when the tennis stars and their teams were advised they had to do 14 days quarantine on their arrival in Australia they were given a chance to put in requests to make their lives easier during the quarantine. Several put in requests for either a kitten or a puppy to play with during those 14 days. Naturally, Tennis Australia refused.

The QT Hotel in Canberra now allows dogs into their rooms, IF they weight under 20kgs. Each has a bed, mini bar and in room dog's dinner menu. Seems Canberra is joining the other QR Hotels around Australia to do this, so if you want to take your dog with you on holiday, then this might be an option? The dogs must be well behaved and on a leash in common areas of the hotel; packages start at \$450, which includes a complimentary meal (for the dog!)

A basketball team in Miami is using sniffer dogs on their spectators in the hope that they can identify those people with Covid-19 symptoms before they get into the stadium. If the dog sits near a person, they are being asked to leave the area and get tested. In Australia there are currently 2 dogs in South Australia undergoing training run by the University in Adelaide.

If you are visiting Sydney with your dog, the newly opened Brooklyn Crispy at Potts Point is doing pizzas specifically for your canine member. While it's in the middle of an urban area it joins Café Bones in Leichhardt who also caters for dogs (they are next to a dog park).

Show news

Some more pictures from the Royal Canberra Show – our upcoming young handlers and their dogs. Congratulations to them all.



The Royal Sponsors – Black Hawk



Rear End Awareness

You may find interesting this article written by a UK journalist about new archaeological and DNA research about the prehistoric origins of dogs.

A link to the piece can be found here:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/archaeology/dog-pet-wolves-siberia-where-come-from-b1792342.html>

Your Diary – March/April

20 March	Agility Trial BDOC – 6pm start
03/04 April	Agility Trial CDC – 9am start Jumping, Pairs, Snooker
10/11 April	Canberra Toy Group Autumn Carnival – 4 Champ Shows 9am start both days
10 April	Obedience Trials (2) BDOC – 9am start
17April	ACT Gundog Soc Retrieving Trial TDTC – 10am start
19April	Agility Trial BDOC – 6pm start
24/25/26 April	National Capital KC 3 Champ Shows – 9am start
24 April	Gundog Society Champ Show – 9am start