

# Dogs ACT newsletter

## K9 Capers



## From Dogs ACT

**FOR ALL CLUBS** –All Club secretaries have been sent a copy of a draft Covid-19 Template, which is to be used when holding events on Dogs ACT grounds. The template is also on the Dogs ACT website and can be found [here](#). It is compulsory to submit your completed template with your schedules and advertisements when applying for shows on the Dogs ACT grounds only. If there is no Covid plan in place and approved by the ACT Government, prior to any event, we are unable to hold events on the grounds.

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**Your COVID PLAN** – Do not be put off by having to complete the Covid-19 plan, its an easy document to complete and since the start of the year restrictions have eased. Dogs ACT has their own QR code so that's what exhibitors must check in with or put their name and details on a sheet of paper. Both forms of check in can be done at each of the two gates so once an exhibitor has passed through, they are good to stay. We don't advertise for the general public to attend so that we can have less than 500 people in attendance but if the Royal Canberra show managed to get through the weekend of shows, then your club can also. Why not rethink your shows for this year and if you have any questions, please contact the office?

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All members are reminded to keep their contact details up to date. If you change internet providers, telecommunication providers or move, please send all new details to the Dogs ACT office. We need to refer new members to you who may wish to help with your events. The newsletter is sent to all Members by email so if we don't have your correct email, you will be missing this document too. The newsletter is also sent to the Dogs ACT [app](#) which has a great deal of information at your fingertips. Check it out!

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## From the Office

For those Affiliates holding shows, please know that if you hold your shows at the same time as an event on the EPIC showgrounds which requires the use of Bicentennial gardens for campers, that your Club will not be required to clean the facilities block near the office. This will be undertaken by EPIC cleaners.

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What you need to remember for running shows in 2021 & beyond.

The meeting room, kitchen & ladies & gents' facilities are left clean for you so please clean them at the end of your events. Put all waste paper into the large skip bin located on the

roadside. Please turn everything off including lights (lights have one remain on at night), taps as some leak if not correctly closed, if you use the large commercial fridge, microwave, urn please do a last-minute check when you leave for the last time. The Office advises that all of these items were completed prior to the pandemic but with committees changing & shows starting up slowly some of the basics are being forgotten or not known. They ask that you please leave everything you use as you found it on your arrival. Thank you.

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### ***FCI NEWS***

Have you heard of the FCI? FCI stands for Federation Cynologique Internationale which in English means an international (world) dog organisation, a federation of many kennel clubs. It is based in Thuin, Brussels; it started in 1911 and they put out information in English, French, German and Spanish. It has 99 members, associates and partners in many countries across the world and Australia is an associate member of this organisation. It was created to create uniformity in breeding, exhibiting and judging of dogs. To date the Kennel Clubs of the USA, Canada and UK are not members of the FCI.

For dog showing, the FCI has broken down all dog groups into 10, whereas Australia has 7 groups of dogs. They have a large number of dogs participating in dog sports which include all the Australian sports but also rescue dog teams where dogs compete to become the best rescue team, shepherd dogs compete in trials to reflect the tasks of daily work and others. They have initiatives such as FCI Youth, which supports and encourages young people across the globe as the future of all dog sports. They undertake research with member and non-member countries to ensure that dogs are protected globally and that everyone has fun with their animals. Check out the [link](#) and find out for yourself.

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The POOCH AFFAIR is on again!

Dogs ACT encourages all Clubs to show off their dogs and activities at the next Pooch Affair to be held on 19Jun21 in various buildings in the EPIC complex, due to the largest two being used for Covid testing. While it was cancelled in 2020, the organisers would like to see everyone turn up and it is a great opportunity for the general public to see your dogs, their activities and the benefits of owning a dog.

We have put the information about this event on the Dogs ACT website under Members News/News for Members & Affiliate Clubs.

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March 6<sup>th</sup> saw the ACT Government slightly change their restrictions as they ease while the ACT has little or no infections of Covid-19. Their website is constantly changing & every member should keep up to date with them. To run an [event](#) it is always better to be prepared however as the year progresses, we can anticipate more easing of limitations for everyone. However, please contact the Dogs ACT office in the first instance to be advised of the current restrictions as they are kept up to date.

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## New Members

Dogs ACT would like to welcome the following new Members:

John Lovell with his Irish Setter

Max Walker with his Papillon

Kathleen Bush with her Bull Terrier

Karen Wyers & Brad Wenzel with their toy & standard Poodles

Welcome to Dogs ACT! Please check out all our communication channels from the website, facebook, instagram, our app and this newsletter.

## News Dots

Did you know? For all those wine drinkers, did you know that there is a range of red and white wines from the “Barking Mad” winery. Seems the name was to pay tribute to the winery Dachshunds of the past and present who, upon hearing the truck rumble down the road laden with fruit went completely ‘barking mad’ ....

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A NZ airline has been doing repatriation flights to reunite pets with their owners from Canada. Cargo holds during the pandemic have been restricted & some pets have been separated from their owners for up to a year.

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Research has indicated that the sago palm, also known as the plant of steel, is dangerous to dogs & can potentially cause liver damage. Other plants to watch out for are the peace lily, aloe vera, desert rose, ivy, jade, philodendron, asparagus & corn plants amongst others.

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While we have all spent a long time thinking & talking about the virus & pandemics, it seems the Victorian government have been looking at alternate sites for quarantining people returning to Australia. One of the favourites is the animal quarantine complex at Micklesham. This is the complex within which all our pets come into Australia & spend a minimum of 10 days (up to 4 months depending on which country it has come from). It seems the site sits on 144 hectares & human cabins will not be near the animal area.

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There has been a mountain of research on the kinds of stress workers are under & one office is being proactive by paying for a dog to be part of their workforce. The Public Prosecutors office (PPO) in Perth WA is spending approximately \$162,000 as part of their staff well-being programme. Guide Dogs WA are arranging for a properly trained dog & the costs cover vet bills, food, ongoing costs & support from their organisation. The PPO staff often deal with violent crimes, view horrific material & deal with unsavoury people which is the rationale given for this addition to their workforce.

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As the majority of workers are going back gradually to their normal workplaces many refuge organisations are concerned about the current trend in animal dumping as animals don't fit into their old & now renewed daily life.

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## Show news

Now that the year has begun, we are now on the way to having clubs run shows and trials as usual. Every club using the Dogs ACT grounds must complete a Covid-19 plan which we hope will encourage them to start up their shows for 2021. Each Club has been sent a template to use from Dogs ACT to make paperwork easier. Clubs are to submit their Covid-19 plan when they submit their schedules and adverts.

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Dogs ACT is organising 4 championship shows for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Each morning will see an all-breeds show followed by 7 group specialties. A [schedule](#) is now posted in Show Manager, on the Dogs ACT website and Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there. Several specialist judges will be officiating. Keep these dates in your diary!

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The Kennel Club (UK) has advised that the Old English Sheepdog as a breed are declining severely in numbers in the UK & as such have been classified as a 'vulnerable' breed. When

the breed was known as the mascot for a well-known paint brand in 1979 there were 6,000 pups registered but in 2020 there were fewer than 300 registrations, making it the lowest number in 60 years.

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Congratulations to the Hound Club of the ACT for holding two championship specialties on 6<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone had a good time & it brought back the real atmosphere of a super specialty.

Congratulations to the National Capital Kennel Club for holding their annual Anzac weekend on 24-26 April. While NZ judges could not get here they made sure it was a weekend of great shows with a remembrance spirit.

Congratulations and well done to the Canberra Toy Club & Cavalier King Charles Club both held double group & breed specialties on 11 & 12 April which we heard were a double success.

It is good to see Clubs hosting shows again.

## Sports news

It has been great to see all of the ACT clubs starting back with their events. There have been numerous rally trials, agility ribbon, pair, snooker & jumping trials, obedience trials to name just a few.

The new sport of Scent work is letting Dogs ACT hold several single element trials commencing in May while BDOC are holding their first scent work trial on 29 May at their grounds. Good luck to everyone.

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Do you run trials at your Club? Would you like others to celebrate your results with you? Then send us your Club trial results and we will put them into our newsletter, so we can congratulate those Dogs ACT Members dogs.



## Rear End Awareness

### Your Diary –May/June

04 May	Ribbon & Jumping Agility trial CDC – 6pm start
13 May	Dogs ACT Scent Work Element Trial – 6pm start
15 May	Agility Trial Gundog Society at CDC – 9am start
29 May	Scent work trial at BDOC – 9am start
05 June	Double Obedience trial at CDC – 9am start
12/13 June	Agility Jumping & Games CDC – 9am start
12 June	Breeds of East Asia 8 <sup>th</sup> Champ Show – 9am start
12/13/14 June	ACT Ladies & Canberra ABKC – 4 Champ shows
17 June	Dogs ACT Scent Work Element Trial – 6pm start
19 June	Double Rally Trials CDC – 9am start



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