

Dogs ACT newsletter

K9 Capers



From Dogs ACT

As you would be aware the ACT Government has brought in some changes to behaviour in the ACT. Face **masks** are now mandatory when out of the home & Dogs ACT ask that you wear this mask when visiting the office. Staff have been advised to not admit anyone coming in to conduct business if they are not wearing a mask & complete the required check in.

From 15 July 2021 all Canberra businesses **must** have a QR code for all visitors & workers. QR codes have been with us for many months & Dogs ACT have had a QR code since February; we have advised ALL members & visitors to use this as you enter the premises. For the very few members who do not have a smartphone where installing an app is not possible, they can sign into the office as there is a sheet on which to put their details. All members & visitors are required to check in using the “Check in CBR” app so that everyone remains safe. If you have issues with downloading, please ask one of the office staff to assist you. Dogs ACT will be fined if it is discovered that members are not complying with ACT Government & Health Department regulations.

From the Office

EPIC have changed their **Covid-19 testing facilities** at the showgrounds recently. If you want to get Covid-19 tested, they are now using the QUOKKA Building & a temporary structure next to it. Entry for testing only is through Gate 1 where security guards will guide you to the testing centre.

Please note that since the lockdown of many States & Territories (Jun21) EPIC has extended its testing hours so be prepared for long lines of cars if you attempt to come to Dogs ACT along Flemington Road, Mitchell.

Current arrangements from EPIC regarding **access to EPIC** grounds changed. All members coming to the office & meetings must come into EPIC via **Gate 9**. **Entry** is on Well Station Road & has 2 large brick columns as the entrance. Follow this road to the T junction then left onto a small dirt road, which takes you to the next gates where a security guard is located. Advise them of where you are heading & turn left immediately past the security cubicle. The road leads you to the Dogs ACT office, on your left. Your departure is a reversal of this. If you have any difficulties call the office on (02) 6241 4404.

Training Classes – After Sunday 30 May Dogs ACT changed their Wednesday night training classes to a Sunday. They Sunday will start at 12 noon on days when there are no

shows in the local area. Entry remains at \$5 a class which must be prepaid via Show Manager under ACT Events. If classes are cancelled or not happening a note will be placed on the Dogs ACT Facebook page.

Please note that while face masks are mandatory & there are restrictions in Canberra & NSW classes will resume as soon as it is practicable. If you do not have facebook please contact the office for the next date.

Lost & found – have you come to the Dogs ACT grounds for an event? Have you visited the office to conduct business? Dogs ACT have a drawer of lost & found articles which need reclaiming. If you think you have lost an item, please email the office on admin@dogsact.org.au where they will ask you to describe the lost item. We have items from a small pin to a man's suit in a suit bag! Please contact us to take them home.

From the ANKC

A grammatical error has appeared in ANKC Regulation 5 – Conformation Show, Clause 11.2.1 & ANKC has agreed to correct this.

Currently reads:

11.1.3 No cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act of a like kind which alters the natural formation of the dog is not permitted except as provided for in the Breed Standard.

Amend to read:

11.1.3 Cutting, piercing, breaking by force or any kind of operation or act of a like kind which alters the natural formation of the dog, is not permitted except as provided for in the Breed Standard.

The following Regulations have been updated & are on the ANKC website.

Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration

Item 5.1 - Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Section 3-Imported Dogs, Clause 3.2 be amendment;

Item 5.2 - Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Section 6.

Item 6.2 – Publication of Litter Registrations - Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 1.5 removal

Regulations Part 8 – Member Bodies & Membership

Item 6.2 - Regulations Part 8-Member Bodies & Membership, Section 2: Membership amendment

Mr Jason & Mrs Jollie Edwards (Caviarlabs) have been disqualified for life from 16Mar21 by Dogs West.

The **Labrador** Retriever Club of Qld will host the 11th National on 3rd & 4th August 2021. Schedule can be located on the Dogs ACT website on these dates.

The ANKC is currently arranging for the **SHIKOKU** to be added to their system following an application to re-register this breed in Australia. It will be allocated to Group 6 (Utility) & its breed standard can be found [here](#). It is one of 6 primitive Japanese native breeds.

Amendment to the Breed Standard Extension Welsh Corgi (**Pembroke**) has been considered & the changes, following a submission from the National Welsh Corgi Council (Australia), have been endorsed.

The changes are noted below and they are currently arranging for the breed standard to be updated on the ANKC website. The amended breed standard extension will be made available from their website in due course.

Currently reads:

Tail: Short, preferably natural.

Docked: Short.

Undocked: Set in line with the topline. Natural Carriage above topline when moving or alert.

Amend to read:

Tail:

Previously customarily docked short.

Undocked: set in line with the topline. Natural carriage which may be above or below topline when moving or alert.

Natural bobtails may occur, when the tail can be of any length, carried above or below topline when moving or alert:

Amendment to the colour section of the breed standard Whippet to bring it in line with the Kennel Club (UK) standard.

Currently reads:

Any colour or mixture of colours

Amend to read:

Any colour or mixture of colours, except merle.

Amendment to the Breed Standard Extension Welsh Corgi (**Cardigan**) has been considered & the changes, following a submission from the National Welsh Corgi Council (Australia), have been endorsed.

Currently reads:

Any colour, with or without white markings should not predominate.

The Cardigan comes in many beautiful colours & shadings. The colours found in the show ring today are red/white, tri colour, brindle of various shadings, sable, black/white & the lovely blue merle with the marbled mixture of blue, grey, & black hairs. White markings on the chest, feet, tip of tail & sometimes a collar, add to the beauty of such colours.

Amend to read:

COLOUR

Acceptable colours are blue merle, brindle, red, sable, tri colour with brindle points & tri colour with red points.

All the above with or without the typical white markings on the head, neck, chest, underpants, legs & feet, white tail tip. White should not predominate on the body or head where it should never surround the eyes. Nose and eye rims must be black. Liver & dilute colours highly undesirable.

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Currently reads:

Cardigan

Colour

May be any colour without white dominating.

Amend to read:

Cardigan

Colour

Blue merle, brindle, red, sable, tri colour with brindle points & tri colour with red points.

With or without white markings head, chest, neck, legs & feet, white tail tip. Eye rims black & white must not predominate.

The ANKC is conducting a survey of all **Jack Russell Terrier** owners recommending that the following changes to the Breed Standard be endorsed:

Body

Chest deep rather than wide, with good clearance & the brisket located at the height mid-way between the ground & the withers. The body should be proportioned marginally longer than tall, **measuring slightly longer from the withers to the root of the tail than from the withers to the ground the length from the point of the shoulder to the buttocks slightly greater than the height from the withers to the ground.** Back level. Ribs should be well sprung from the spine, flattening on the sides so that the girth behind the elbows can be spanned by two hands - about 40 cms to 43 cms. The loins should be short, strong & deeply muscled.

The change is to replace the wording highlighted in **red** with the highlighted wording in **bold**.

Rationale

This brings the Standard in line with the country-of-origin UK standard. The ANKC standard gives totally the wrong body proportions by measuring from the withers to the root of the tail versus the point of shoulder to the buttocks in the Kennel Club standard. A majority of registered owners within the breed and responding to this survey must be in favour before approval is given by the ANKC Ltd.

The online survey can now be accessed from: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6SNPY82>

The link is also available from the ANKC website at: <http://ankc.org.au/AboutUs/?id=3283>

Please note responses to the survey are required by **COB 28 August, 2021**.

From the FCI

The FCI have notified all members that the Czechoslovakian Wolfdog (Ceskoslovensky Vlcak) has had all of its lines suspended since January 2021. They cannot be used for breeding, take part in any events or get any title. There are none of these dogs registered by the ANKC but research indicates that this breed began as an experiment by the military conducted in Czechoslovakia in 1955 (working line German Shepherds crossed with Carpathian grey wolves).

FCI advises the following suspensions & disqualifications:

Mr Roland Schmidt (Netherlands) has been suspended for 12 months until 17Apr2022;
Mrs Mirjana Petrik (Serbia) has been suspended as an international judge until 14Apr2022;
Bulgarian Kennel Club American Staffordshire Terrier – disqualified;
Bulgarian National Club Belgian Sheepdogs – disqualified;
Bulgarian National Club Hungarian Vizsla – disqualified.
Brazilian Kennel Club has disqualified the ‘Club Brasileiro do Pastor Alemão’ (German Shepherd Club). Brazil identifies the sole specialised GSD breed club is the Sociedade Brasileira do Cao Pastor Alemão.

NB: Registered pedigrees or documents from the disqualified will not be accepted by the FCI, thereby also the ANKC.

New Members

Dogs ACT would like to welcome the following new Members:

Mary Sterland with her Border Collie
Nayana Rathmalgoda with their German Shepherd Dog
Michelle Turner with her West Highland White Terrier
Thomas Carter with his Kelpie
Marcelo Munoz with his Cavi/Poodle
Angela Hagedorn with her German Shepherd & Border Collie

Please check out all our communication channels from the website, facebook, instagram, our app and this newsletter. We hope that you enjoy your dogs and please contact us via email on admin@dogsact.org.au or telephone (02) 62424404 between 9.30am & 2.30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Dogs ACT is only open on those days. Our other communication channels such as Facebook will have the latest news & information for you

on events, training, education sessions & lots more. Our website contains an event calendar & information for Members on their own page, which would be of interest to you all.

Welcome to Dogs ACT!

News Dots

Are you having puppies, or do you have puppies? Have you considered giving them a temperament or puppy aptitude test so that you have a snapshot of what potential a puppy has to offer? An ideal age to do this would be around 7-8 weeks. Pups are given various tests & scored so that you are given a balanced view of their life after the breeder.

Many breeders conduct this on all their pups prior to them going to their new homes so contact someone you respect as a breeder & ask them how to do it. If you want an overview only, you can visit [this site](#) & learn how it is done, but you should approach a recognised breeder to assist you.

Looking for things to do this winter in Canberra? Civic Square transforms into an open-air ice rink between 25Jun-11Jul where they also have vendors, ice shows & entertainment for the whole family.

From 1st July 2021 the ACT Government has banned single-use plastic items which includes single use plastic cutlery, drink stirrers & expanded polystyrene takeaway containers. This is the first stage of the ban on all plastics & there will be more items to be removed from public availability within the next 12 months.

From 01 July 2021, all dog owners must register with the ACT Government digital database annually. Owners who fail to sign up may face a \$150 fine. Dog details must be updated every year as at present approximately 95 per cent of dogs found had out of date details listed. This registration is for all pups over 8wks of age & must be updated if you move home. Owners will receive an annual registration reminder at least 14 days before the renewal date & if your dog is already registered, there will be no cost to renew their & your details.

Virgin Airlines could be looking at allowing pets to be taken into the cabin with their owners, however Qantas & other major airlines are more hesitant. Under the Civil

Aviation Safety Authority's changes to flight rules, which come into force in Dec 21, pilots will be able to decide whether pets can ride in the cabin.

Think your dog is spoiled? During the global lockdown several start up companies have concentrated on making your pooch less stressed during 'their' lockdowns with owners. A UK beer company has started making dog biscuits from their left-over grain; another start up has been a website where dog owners could find dog friendly restaurants, where their nearest groomers were located, while another company now have dog friendly taxis available when owners must travel to appointments & not leave their dogs at home.

Show news

It was with regret that Dogs ACT had to 'postpone' its 4 championship shows for Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2021. The week before we had 2 judges go into suburb lockdown & while obtaining replacements NSW put all of greater Sydney under lockdown, which lost us another 3 judges. Despite being able to quickly replace all judges, once Victoria placed the ACT into an orange zone this meant that the second third of the exhibitors would not be able to attend, unless they wanted to go into immediate lockdown on their return to Victoria.

The events however have only been postponed & once a new weekend has been chosen Dogs ACT will be advertising them. Watch the website & our facebook page for all updates.

Were you thinking about entering the Royal Brisbane Show this year? Entries closed on Friday 2nd July but if you are quick you can put in a late entry until 11.59pm Sunday 11th July, although they will charge a late fee. For more information, please click [here](#) & good luck.

Sports news

ANKC wishes to advise that with the continuing uncertainty of travel restrictions both nationally & internationally due to Covid-19, Dogs West advised the 2021 dates for many of the Australian **agility** community are not achievable. They confirm the new dates for the trials will be 24 to 29 May 2022 at the same Dogs West showgrounds, Southern River, WA.

As a result of these trials being rescheduled, Dogs Qld & NSW have agreed to move their National trials which were to be held in 2023 & 2025 as follows:

Dogs NSW – New dates 25-30Jun 2024, same venue, Bill Spilstead Complex, Orchard Hills NSW

Dogs Qld – New dates 24-28Jun2026, same venue, Dogs Qld showgrounds, Durack Qld.

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.



AUGUST Issue – next month we will commence Breed Profiles. Would you like to see your breed in our newsletter? Please send all articles & your comments to Dogs ACT office at admin@dogsact.org.au

Rear End Awareness

Your Diary –July/August

- 15 July Dogs ACT Scent Work Element trial – 6pm start
- 24 July Trick Dog Tests BDOC – 9am start
- 25 July Hound Club of ACT - Lure Coursing Trial – 8am start
Dancing with Dogs BDOC – 9am start
- 31 July Agility Trials TDTC – 9am start
- 15 August Tracking Trial, Canberra Region, details to be posted on website
when available
- 28 August Double Obedience Trials BDOC - 9am start

