

# Dogs ACT newsletter

## K9 Capers



## From Dogs ACT

Dogs ACT would like to advise its members that while Canberra is free of the majority of its restrictions, the EPIC showgrounds remain health testing for Covid-19.

Therefore, while the office is open for all Member transactions & visits, the only entry is during the office opening times & via the gate near Maccas. EPIC has a security guard on the gate who will question everyone entering.

**For All Affiliates** – Dogs ACT encourages you to hold your meetings in the meeting room however you will need to book the time & date with the office prior to the event. The office must advise EPIC of your meeting so that they can advise us which gate to use for access to the building. We are sorry but if there is no booking there will be no entry to the EPIC showgrounds.

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Please note that all monies deposited directly into the Dogs ACT account must have your NAME and/or membership number added so that staff can identify your payment from those of others. When you wish to deposit money why not send the office an email stating date & time the transaction was completed.

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As a member, you need to be aware of all the ACT Government laws pertaining to dogs & how they affect you & the responsible ownership of your dog/s.

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Since 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 Dog details must be updated every year as at present approximately 95 per cent of dogs found had out of date details listed.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 details along with your details.

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## From the Office

The Office is open again so if you want to visit for your transactions we are open between 9.30am to 2.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday each week. Please keep monitoring our Facebook page and Website for any potential changes before you venture to Mitchell.

The Office would like to advise Members that they continue to receive returned mail or bounced emails when sending Members information, paperwork or membership renewals. If you have changed your address email or telephone number, then it could be that we are sending a reminder to someone else. When contacting the office please give them your current details so that we can help you.

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**Training Classes** – These restarted on Sundays 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. Come along, have fun as well as help socialise your dog.

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Dogs ACT has an ever-increasing **library** & if you want to know about a breed or thinking of getting a dog, then why not come in & have a browse. Dogs ACT are implementing a come, look & relax days, following the training classes, once recommenced. Come along, look at the books, have a coffee & cake & see how Dogs ACT can help you learn more about your breed & dogs in general.

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## Breed Profile – Golden Retriever

The Golden Retriever is a medium-large gundog that was bred to retrieve shot waterfowl such as ducks & game birds.

The name ‘retriever’ refers to the breed’s ability to retrieve shot game & return it undamaged, due to their soft mouths. It is a popular disability assistance dog such as a guide dog for the blind or deaf. It has an instinctive love of water & are an easy breed to train. It has a medium length coat with a dense undercoat that provides them with warmth indoors & an outer coat which lies flat against their bodies & repels water.



They do shed coat especially when seasons change & will require regular grooming.

They were bred in Scotland in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century where hunting was a popular sport but the existing retriever breeds were not good at retrieving downed game from water & land. Both areas were necessary as the hunting grounds were often marshy.

Apart from being suitable assistance dogs they are trained as detection dogs, search & rescue dogs, but due to their gentle & friendly temperament most unsuitable as professional guard dogs.



The Golden Retriever is a breed that is most popular across the globe & are 20 to 22 inches in height.



As indicated by their name, their coats come in any shade of gold through to cream.

The average lifespan of a Golden is about 11-12 years.

Their eagerness to please makes it a top performer in dog sports competitions & its swimming ability makes it good at dock diving & it is shown in the conformation ring.

The largest number of Goldens gathered at one spot was in the UK in July 2006 at the ancestral home of Guisachan House & they had 188 dogs, which holds the record for the most Golden Retrievers in one picture.

It is not often that Goldens are mistreated but there are several rescue clubs in Australia if you are interested. They will need regular exercise; they are friendly with everyone & they say behaves like a puppy for several years past the usual 'puppy' stage.

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## From the ANKC

The ANKC held a presentation on Sunday 24OCT21 in which they highlighted an exciting future for the canine world in Australia. They are changing their name to 'Dogs Australia' so that it can be easily reached by global audiences.

All over Australia, there are more than 32,000 of us committed to creating the best lives for dogs. It doesn't matter if you are a breeder, part of a breed club, rehome & rescue, building incredible bonds through dog sports, or a supportive member. What unites us is our love of dogs.

The ANKC is changing the way we communicate to dog lovers around Australia. ANKC Chairman Hugh Gent OAM along with the Board of Directors gave a streamed presentation. Together, they shared a new direction for the ANKC & how working together will transform us.

To watch the stream you can visit [here](#).

The CACIB show set for 30JAN22 in Tasmania has now been rescheduled to take place on 29JAN23

Remember that if you want information on what has happened at the respective Board Meetings you can read the summary at <http://www.ankc.org.au> under the About heading.

DID YOU KNOW? That the ANKC provides funding to the Canine Research Foundation. Some of the issues that have been researched are gene mapping; vaccinations to prevent uterine disease; plasma products for transfusion; distribution of genetic mutations associated with degenerative myelopathy; bacterial vaccine against canine pyometra; biomarkers of canine glaucoma – early detection & disease progression; a safety trial of next generation cancer vaccines & targeted 1L-15 plasmid therapy; imaging & monitoring osteosarcoma with a novel radio labelled peptide – to name just a few!

Following advice from the FCI & consultation with the ANKC National Breed Standards sub-committee the breed standard for the Peruvian Hairless Dog has been amended. The ANKC website is being updated.

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## From the FCI

The FCI have commenced podcasts on several topics

[Inside the FCI](#) – their Executive Director

[Brachy Breeds & BOAS](#) – Seeing beyond the Nose

How to handle [stray dogs](#) – Dog Population Management

Their next is the **Genomic Chip – How does it work & help?** This discusses the available DNA testing tools do dog breeding to improve health matters.

*Suspensions:*

International Show Judge Mrs Cristina EPURAS (08/09/21 – 07/09/23)

International Show Judge Mr Sergej VANZHA (01/09/21 – 31/08/26)

Mrs Bo de Bruijne Netherlands undetermined period from 05/09/21

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## New Members

Dogs ACT would like to welcome the following new Members:

**Sarah Rees & Hammad Kamal & their Dobermann**

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](mailto: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. Welcome to Dogs ACT!

Dogs ACT would like to congratulate **Mrs Kat Fisher** on passing her exam & obtaining the prefix OHUNA for her Great Danes.

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## News Dots

DID YOU KNOW? Facebook had a High Court ruling made about what can be seen on their pages & who is responsible for content. If you have a FB page you could be held responsible for the comments others make on the page. A couple of large media corporations wanted to know if comments made would hold them liable if defamatory comments were made by the public on their FB posts. For you it means that if a victim wants to pursue the post they can pursue the page owners, ie not the anonymous person who posted but the owner of the FB account.

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DID YOU KNOW? Dog owners have been warned to keep a look out for blue, coin sized creatures when taking their dogs onto a Gold Coast beach in Queensland. This has occurred due to a spate of dogs falling ill after ingesting stingers. Blue buttons, which are closely related to jellyfish, are found in warm waters & have been washing up on Qld beaches, particularly after heavy winds & large tides. Owners are advised not to walk their dogs on beaches where these have been seen; lethargy & excessive drooling are signs a dog could be unwell from eating the blue creatures.

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DID YOU KNOW? Dogs also have allergies? Recent research has found that the most common breeds prone to some allergies are the Boxer, Bichon Frise, Bull Terrier, Griffon Bruxellois, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, Labrador & Maltese.

DID YOU KNOW? There is soon to be a specific channel for dogs. DogTV is a new television network created specifically for dogs launched in the UK recently. After 3 years research it will air scientifically tested programming & aiming to alleviate symptoms of conditions such as separation anxiety, loneliness & stress, so the TV channel owners say. It will also have shows to help owners better understand & look after their pets. Colours, audio frequencies & camera alignment have all been adapted to dog senses.

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DID YOU KNOW? Do you wonder why your dog tilts its head? In a recent study researchers suggested that head tilting might be related to the dog processing relevant, meaningful stimuli. They observed a number of dogs & watched as owners asked dogs to get their favourite toys. Most dogs cant learn the name of objects but at the end of the study some dogs that could learn labels of objects did more head tilting than most typical dogs who could not learn labels....More research will be undertaken as it was previously believed that a tilted head meant the dog was trying to get a better hearing of the words spoken...

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DID YOU KNOW? An Australian dog (named Bear) that saved 100 koalas during Australia's bushfires has been recognised for his effort by the International Fund for Animal Welfare & has received a medal. He was abandoned by his former owners as being too hyperactive but he was trained to recognise the scent of koala fur & faeces & during the 2019-20 bushfires he saved over 100 marsupials. He drops silently to the ground at the base of a tree when he detects their smell, which ensures that their habitat is not disturbed as well as helping his team to locate koalas that might be in need of medical treatment. Well done Bear!

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Are you a Club Secretary? Dogs ACT are seeking historical information & pictures from your Club for a future project. If you would like to participate, please contact the office via email & you will be contacted.

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## Show news

Members ~ Affiliates continue to submit dates for approval so that they can bring you shows. While there have been numerous events postponed or cancelled, Dogs ACT wanted you to know that the affiliates are not sitting back waiting for things to come to them but are endeavouring to put together events for you & others to attend. [A list](#) of

those events has been put onto the Dogs ACT website for you to check out so that you too can plan ahead.

The next championship shows are 2 toy group specialties put on by the Toy Dog Club of Canberra on Sat 04DEC21.

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## Sports news

Change of judging for Newcastle AB Dog Training Club Obedience & Rally Trials to be held 19-20NOV21.

Fri 19NOV21

Mr Darryl Turley (NSW) will be judging UD & UDX

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Sat 20NOV21

Miss Shannelle Corben will be judging Rally Masters

Mr Ron Probert (NSW) will be judging Rally Novice

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ANKC Regulation 3N – Regulations for the Conduct of Scent Work Trials/Judges Training Scheme was amended. Clause 1.1 now reads:

*Responsibility for the accreditation of Scent Work Judges will rest with:*

*(a) the ANKC National Scent Work Committee, for a period of 12 months from the date of implementation;*

*(b) thereafter the relevant Member Body through its Scent Work Sub-Committee.*

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Members ~ Affiliates continue to submit dates for approval so that they can bring you dog sports. While there have been numerous events postponed or cancelled, particularly of late when Canberra went into lockdown & we all had to stay at home, Dogs ACT wanted you to know that the affiliates are not sitting back waiting for things to come to them but are endeavouring to put together events for you & others to attend. [A list](#) of those events will be put onto the Dogs ACT website for you to check out so that you too can plan ahead.

Please support your sports clubs & make these events a success.

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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.



NOVEMBER Issue – next month we will have another Breed Profile. 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](mailto:admin@dogsact.org.au)

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Note from Editor: I am stepping back for 12mths from all Dogs ACT work but I would like to thank those who have expressed positive comments on the format, articles & information supplied in each month's newsletter. Remember the Newsletter is your monthly publication & any enquiries can be sent to [admin@dogsact.org.au](mailto:admin@dogsact.org.au)

See you all around the traps – Judith Woolley

## Rear End Awareness

**Your Diary –November/December – please be advised that events are being planned but often postponed or cancelled due to the Covid restrictions.**

**Watch this page for future events.**

13 Nov	Obedience Trial CDC – 6pm start
15 Nov	Evening Agility Trial Ribbon, Jumping BDOC – 6pm start
20 Nov	Scent Work Trial CDC – 8am start
27 Nov	Agility & Jumping Trial BDIC
30 Nov	Agility trial Gamblers & Ribbon CDC – 6pm start
04Dec	Toy Dog Club of Canberra 2 group specialties – 9am start
19Dec	Fun Day – Canberra ABKC & ACT Ladies KC – 10am start

