

Dogs A.C.T.

A.C.T Canine Association inc.

ACT Canine Association Inc. (ABN 11150955611) trading as Dogs A.C.T.

2009 – 2010

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL

STATEMENT

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A.C.T. CANINE ASSOCIATION INC. 2009 OFFICE BEARERS.

President:	Mr	Simon MILLS
Senior Vice-President:	Mr	Eric BIRKELAND
Junior Vice-President:	Mr	John SCHOLZ
Treasurer:	Mrs	Dee HYDE
Councillors:	Ms	Lyn HOUGHTON,
	Mrs	Felicity PRIDEAUX,
	Miss	Jenny MARSHALL,
	Mrs	Claire KASPURA
	Mr	David Dawes,
	Mrs	Linda STEVENS,
	Ms	Judith WOOLLEY,
	Ms	Di EASTER.
Administrator:	Mr	John BIRCH
Auditor:		Mr Kim HANNA from HOUSTON & HANNA

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 26th August 2010 - AGENDA**

1. Welcome by A.C.T.C.A President, - Mr Simon Mills.
2. Apologies.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held
26th August 2009.
4. Annual Report.
5. Financial Report.
6. Election of Office Bearers.
7. Dunbar Awards (0)
8. Life Membership (0).
9. Closure.
10. General Business.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT - MR SIMON MILLS

Dear Members

As my second term as President comes to an end, the question I asked myself was should I stand again. Under the current A.C.T.C.A Council arrangements if elected again I will be required to continue in this role for a further two years. I have given it a great deal of consideration and reflected over the previous three years. During the past three years I believe the A.C.T.C.A has achieved the goals it initially set itself. Such as:

- A streamlined office management system
- Harmony with A.C.T.C.A affiliates
- A strong position within the Australian National Kennel Council
- A stable and functioning financial situation
- Enhancement of the building and grounds
- Structured vendor strategies
- Enhanced cooperation with EPIC

I am able to report that the A.C.T.C.A is in a very stable financial position due to the hard work of the Financial Sub Committee. During the past 3 years the council recognised the need for the A.C.T.C.A to review its practices and procedures to ensure the future viability and success of the organisation. The Financial Sub Committee has ensured that best practice is maintained along with streamlining of management practices and has economised where possible. Dee Hyde and the executive committee have spent an enormous amount of time and effort to get this financial situation right. The A.C.T.C.A has survived the last three years and the activities undertaken by the council has given the Association a stable footing for future years. The A.C.T.C.A must always be conducted in a professional and business like manner the association has now achieved these goals. The new council needs to set and maintain this direction for Dogs ACT future. This will benefit the membership in the long term ensuring all facets of the Association's business activities are planned well in advance.

In October 2007 I attend my first A.N.K.C conference as President of the A.C.T.C.A and it was eye opener and bridges needed to mended. Since then I worked hard to foster good working relationship with the other states and territories presidents. I believe that the A.C.T.C.A has made significant inroads with the A.N.K.C and we are now viewed with respect by our counterparts.

I would like to thank Mr John Birch our Administrator for his contribution towards the success of the A.C.T.C.A during my past three years. John has excelled himself during this time, through implementing the various council decisions; thus ensuring sound office administration procedures and practices. At times you the membership

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have voiced your opinions loudly regarding these decisions. This is your right as we are your elected council and we need to be aware of members concerns. In saying that John is also the front line of the council and to be honest he has carried the brunt of these decisions. He has dealt with council outcomes in the most professional and positive way and it's a testament to him and the dedication he brings to the job. John has been instrumental in assisting all clubs streamline A.C.T.C.A documentation in conducting their canine activities. Some of his initiatives during the last three years have included:

- Reduced cleaning fees
- Ensured catering and cleaning contracts
- Management of camping on the A.C.T.C.A grounds
- Building working relationships with EPIC management
- Vital input into the national administrator's conference
- Streamline office management system
- Enhancing the association web page

In 2008, I set about forming a new committee to address Welfare, Health and Government Liaison concerns. The new Health & Welfare committee was formed and is chaired by Claire Kaspura. Claire engaged members with vast experience in dealing with government issues and health and welfare concerns. During the past 12 to 18 months this Committee has been very busy especially addressing concerns raised by the R.S.P.C.A and the A.N.K.C. This will be an ongoing battle that all dog controls will face and we need to be on the front foot to ensure we protect our breeding programs and the right to own pure bred dogs. I would like to thank Claire and her committee for their excellent work with recent health and welfare issues. The A.C.T.C.A has taken a leading role along with other state controls to address these issues.

Another activity close to my heart is the Juniors Handlers. The A.C.T.C.A is now addressing the issue of implementing new rules to ensure our juniors are kept up to date with their interstate counterparts. The A.C.T.C.A has placed a high importance on the juniors and has appointed a coordinator in Lyn Houghton to ensure the junior program is successful. It is timely to note that we should not be complacent with our junior's members but encourage the younger members to become involved in our canine sport. In 2010/11 the A.C.T.C.A will make use of the A.C.T.C.A website to inform all junior members on a variety of issues, ensuring their progression and continued involvement in the dog world.

In 2009/10 I promised all councillors would need to show more commitment to their positions whilst on council. I believe we still have along way to go but I am governed by you the members to engage your councillor's to champion your causes - let us work for you. We all need to think outside the square, it is time to revamp the dog world to get with the times. Let's debate issues in a positive light which will

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bring on changes to benefit all canine activities. Both the council and I cannot progress reform to Dogs ACT if the membership is complacent and chooses to criticise and complain without trying to make a positive contribution or offer solutions. Once again I encourage all members no matter what facet of the Dogs ACT activities you are interested in, have your voice via your councillors to ensure that they bring your issues and concerns to the council table for discussion. I strongly believe it is you the members that run the association through the elected council representatives and your input is very much valued. If you feel you have something to offer the A.C.T.C.A and want to join a sub committee I encourage you to contact the relevant convener and offer to join their sub committee; no offer of assistance will be refused. It is now time for you the membership of the A.C.T.C.A to become involved in your association.

I found the last three years invaluable in learning about the dog world and I now have a good understanding of the issues in running a dog association. I know I have spent too much time with the hands on approach; I now need to support and promote the other canine activities in the ACTCA. I am not comfortable with the figure head title but I now understand the president's role and one cannot avoid it, if I am going to be fair to all dog disciplines this is the role that must be played. We also need to engage the general public; they are our answer they are our succession plan for the future of the A.C.T.C.A. I strongly urge the new council to develop projects to promote Dogs ACT.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding while I have been at the helm over the past three years, yes at times it has been frustrating but the majority of the time it has been rewarding serving you the members. Ladies and gentlemen I thank you for your attendance at the AGM and look forward to the future as we progress Dogs ACT.

Simon Mills.

President

ACTCA (Dogs ACT)

GROUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE - MR ERIC BIRKELAND

The grounds are now starting to recover after the drought and lack of water during the worst of it and now it is just a matter of maintaining them to get them back to 100%.

The addition of the retainer wall and concrete outside ring 2 has made access

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through that area safer and easier. There are other areas that we are planning on adding concrete to, to make access easier or improve showing but that will happen as funds become available and the show calendar will allow for the work to be done.

We have noticed in recent times that some people have taken to driving their cars into the bottom rings to park up and this is not allowed at any time and the only people allowed to drive into the grounds are vendors and ambulance.

While the majority of exhibitors are using the rear car park we must stress that everyone must use the rear car park and the only exceptions to this are for the disabled parking, the committees running the shows and people camping.

We have found the installation of the new wheelie bins are working well and keeping the grounds tidier with less rubbish lying around.

We have several improvements in the works for the rooms which include a new stove and range hood and we will be undertaking some maintenance to the building in the next few months.

We are always happy to hear suggestions or comments on the grounds.

I would like to take the time to say thank you to Simon Mills, John Schulz and John Birch for their help this last year especially while I was incapacitated.

**Regards - Eric Birkeland
Grounds Convener.**

AGILITY SUB-COMMITTEE - MS JENNY MARSHALL

The Agility sub Committee has been very active during the 2009/10 year. The sub committee members consist of representatives from each of the Clubs, judges and triallers. Members are: Jenny Marshall (Convenor), Charlie Giles, Lucy Williams (BDOC), Wendy Downing (CDC), Helen Mossler (TDTC) and Loris Cameron. Thanks go to all these people for the time and effort they have put in to contributing to the sport of agility in the ACT.

ACT Agility and Jumping Titles: - Agility Dog of the Year for 2009 judged by Brian Hillier from NSW and was won by Allan Schmidt's Associate – AgCh Jack ADM ADO JDM JDO GDM SPDM SDX

Jumping Dog of the Year for 2009 judged by Tim Fairchild from Queensland and was won by Greg Collin's Associate – AgCh Kellie ADM JDM ADO JDO10 GDG SDX SPDX

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Ribbon Trials: - This year the local clubs have continued the format of ribbon trials, with games being included for the first time, the trials well supported and popular with the membership. All competitors assist with the stewarding, course changes and this lessens the impact on the general membership of the clubs.

ACTCA Fund Raising: - The agility subcommittee organised and held 2 fundraising trials during the year. These trials are held on the Easter and June long weekend in conjunction with A.C.T.C.D.C. This allows us to offer a full complement of events for competitors. These weekends are well supported by local members and a significant number of NSW competitors.

Rules Review: - This year there has been slow progress on the Rules Review with the likelihood that any rule change will not be completed in time for ratification at the October ANKC conference. Therefore new rules are not likely to be implemented until late 2011 or 2012. This rules review will also cover changes to equipment.

Judges Training: - This year has seen Helen Mosslar gaining her games licence for all levels and Patricia Looker becoming qualified for all levels of Agility and Jumping. There are 2 judges in training who will hopefully complete all requirements over the next year and become judges.

We thank all our judges and aspirant judges for the time they give back to our sport. Thank you goes to all who have assisted and supported the ACTCA Agility Sub committee.

**Jenny Marshall
Convenor, Agility Sub Committee.**

JOURNAL SUB-COMMITTEE – MR JOHN SCHOLZ

This year has been a busy one for our Journal Committee.

There have been plenty of changes in the dog world, which have been published in the Dogs A.C.T journal. We have endeavoured to advise all members of the latest developments as they came to hand, so that they may acquaint themselves of this information.

Once again we would like to ask that clubs and disciplines send us reports, results, articles and photos for inclusion in the journal. The more complete coverage in this area the better.

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The journal is now integrated with the Dogs A.C.T web site with articles that miss the journal deadline now being promptly published on the "News & Social Events" page or important ANKC or Council notices on the "Notices" page.

I would like to thank all of our Journal Committee for their efforts in this years production and distribution. In particular our Administrator, John Birch for all his considerable work in its preparation and production. Thank you to our proof readers, Bill Weston and Judith Woolley for their generous time in vetting of the journal. To Peter Kent and Kevin Scholz for all of your time and effort which is greatly appreciated in facilitating the Journals distribution.

We hope that all members enjoyed their journal this year and welcome any suggestion you may have to enhance its contents.

John Scholz.
Convenor - Journal Sub-committee.

OBEDIENCE SUB-COMMITTEE - MS DI EASTER

Royal Canberra Obedience Trial 2010

This trial is now held in May and runs back to back with the A.C.T Stats Obedience Titles, enabling certain costs, eg travelling, accommodation, to be shared between the A.C.T.C.A and the R.N.C.A.S. The entries were not as large as that achieved last year, and it is understood that a large Agility trial was held interstate on the same day affecting local entries and some of the regular interstate competitors.

Nevertheless, the result was good and we were pleased with the 58 entries. The change in date to a more comfortable time of the year is a move fully supported by both the competitors and the management team. Based on experience last year, where the significant increase in UD and UDX entries meant that the interstate judge received an extremely heavy workload (the UD and UDX classes usually can be processed at 4 dogs an hour), it was decided to use the CCD, Novice judge to deal with UDX, allowing the trial to finish at a reasonable hour.

Given the relatively small entries that traditionally have been received for either bitches or dogs in the junior classes ie CCD & Novice, it was decided to combine these two sub groups and only offer awards for the CCD and Novice classes respectively.

The Best in Trial, which is judged by the interstate judge, was awarded to J Kielly's
- Utility Dog - **Dual Ch Jacktrades Just Magic UDX**

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A.C.T State Obedience Titles: - The ACT Obedience Titles is run back to back with the Canberra Royal Obedience Trial. Certain costs over the weekend are shared between the A.C.T.C.A and the R.N.C.A.S eg judges travel and accommodation costs. Catering is undertaken in house and in most cases, lunches for both the Royal and the Titles were provided at no cost by members of the management team.

The Belconnen Dog Obedience Club again loaned us all trial equipment without charge and we are very grateful for their cooperation. Unfortunately Masterfoods has not renewed their sponsorship arrangement this year, and we were not able to secure alternative sponsorship.

The trial attracted 58 entries which was less than the previous year but still a good result.

I would like to thank Elaine Temby, Charlie and Liz Giles, Chris Motbey, Rhonda Dale, Patricia Looker and Sue Gryniewicz for their contributions to the running of both the Royal and the Title trials, Thank you also to our trial stewards who give their time and effort without recompense each year to ensure that our trials run smoothly and efficiently.

The Title holders are determined on the basis of qualifying scores gained over the weekend. The results were:

Community Companion Dogs & Bitches -

I Foster's German Shorthaired Pointer **Abtei Dual Diva**

Novice Dogs & Bitches -

L Watcham's Shetland Sheepdog - **Peerilee Sonja Henie**

Open A -

S Greentree's Border Collie - **Smudge of Ink CDX**

Open B -

A Graham's Border Collie - **Beauglen Cairngorm Gold CD**

Utility A -

J Kielly's Australian Shepherd - **Dual Ch Jackotrades Just Magic UDX**

Jill Schmidt Encouragement Award -

A Lewis' Cocker Spaniel - **Watersmeet I'm Harry CD AD JD**

Utility B, Utility Dog Excellent A and Utility Dog Excellent B were not Awarded

Obedience Judges Training Scheme: - Ms Elaine Temby and Mr Charlie Giles successfully completed their Utility Dog Excellent Obedience Judges Course this year and have now achieved full Judges Panel status. Thanks are due to the Belconnen Dog Obedience Club in again making their trial rings and equipment available for practical training sessions and the practical exams. I would also like to thank those triallers who brought their dogs along to the training sessions and the exams.

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**Development of Minimum Standards for a National Obedience/Tracking/
Endurance Judges Training Schemes:**

At the March 2010 Conference of the National Obedience and Tracking Committee, draft minimum standards for the ANKC's National Obedience/Tracking/ Endurance Judges Training Schemes were finally agreed. The minutes of that meeting, incorporating the agreed arrangements have now been submitted to the ANKC for 'out of session' approval. As indicated in the terminology, the Standards are minimal only and Member Bodies will be free to up grade qualifications and other requirements to suit their own procedures.

Obedience Rules Review: - The main purpose of the above Conference was to discuss proposals for changes to the Obedience Rules. Contrary to the scope of these proposals included in the Agenda the result of the review meant that very little will change. The minutes have been checked by participants are have been referred to the ANKC for 'out of session' approval. A briefing for Clubs and Judges will be available once approval has been received.

Di Easter
Convenor - Obedience Sub-Committee

DANCES WITH DOGS - MR TONY TURNER

The 2009 -10 year in review and future vision:

Last year saw the first ANKC sanctioned D.W.D events across the country, with competitions and Judges training in Qld, NSW, Vic and WA.

For the ACT, this has essentially been a year of administration – necessary to lay the right foundations, foundations that other states already had. Indoor training and competition venues have been organized and booked. Insurance and music licenses sorted.

The ACT Companion Dog Club (CDC) has taken the lead by accepting DWD as a training and competitive sport supported by their club; in doing so, they have provided the very necessary administrative infrastructure, insurance coverage and financial guarantees to cover all costs (at least over the first 12 months).

You can check out the new web page at
www.actcdc.org.au/dwd/index.html -

I look forward to future active involvement of the other obedience and training clubs.

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The ACT representative on the National DWD Committee, Tony Turner, has become our first ANKC qualified DWD judge.

The sport's Rules and Guidelines have recently undergone their first review by the National Committee. The review's recommendations will be voted upon at the ANKC's October meeting and if approved, will assist with interpreting and applying the Rules.

Where to from here? A growing number of Canberra dog owners are expressing interest in exploring this new sport – so, two public information nights were held at the CDC clubrooms on the 11th and 13th August 2010.

These introduced the sport to Canberra and surrounds, by covering topics such as:

- What is DWD and how does 'Heelwork to Music' differ from 'Freestyle';
- What are the requirements of handlers and dogs to become involved with DWD;
- The social and competitive sides to this sport – you may choose either or both;
- Classes & training, venues, times and costs; any other questions. Some great video clips were also shown.

Forward planning includes half-day seminars every two months, the first ACT DWD competitions early in 2011 and a Judges training program by mid 2011. It is also planned to hold demonstrations at public events such as fetes, shows, sporting and social activities, as well as malls and other public venues.

Finally, we need to establish the Dogs ACT DWD sub-committee – I am keen to talk with anyone who may be interested. (0403 640 576)

Tony Turner
ACT Representative - ANKC National DWD Committee

CONFORMATION JUDGES TRAINING - MRS DEE HYDE

Conformation Judges Training suddenly took off locally at the beginning of 2010 when Dogs NSW, having reviewed & re-jigged their course, decided to make us a Regional Centre for ACT & surrounding district with myself as Regional coordinator.

This was a quantum leap from previous desultory arrangements & whilst it caught us flat footed with very little notice (due in part to NSW & ACT Christmas office closures) a few of us hit the ground running and managed to organise Breed lectures in Canberra.

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NSW candidates suddenly appeared out of the woodwork & I feared we had taken on too much for the few willing volunteers but it all worked out.

Toy breeders were extremely cooperative giving breed lectures and bringing dogs so that 60% of the Toy breeds were covered in Canberra.

Similarly Terrier breeders & visitors to the area gave of their time & thanks to Liz Hindley (who was actually training for a further group herself) managed to cover a similar percentage of Terrier breeds.

In other groups local judges are assisting with mentoring duties on an ad hoc basis & the scheme for country NSW & ACT candidates, though not without some teething troubles, is actually working well. Finally we appear to have a workable arrangement for ACT & local NSW trainees & we look forward to their success & some new group licences in the area.

The introductory course for DogsACT members wishing to aspire for their first group is currently advertised & should sufficient people meet the requirements that course will commence in early October. Hopefully there will be more willing volunteers so that lecture nights can run in Canberra for more groups next year.

Dee Hyde

Co-ordinator Judges Training Program ACT Region

EDUCATION SUB COMMITTEE – MS JUDITH WOOLLEY

This past year has gone by so quickly but Dogs ACT has kept up the momentum of giving their members education in all manners of ways.

Education does not mean sitting in a classroom learning a lesson or two, it encompasses times where the members need to be advised of what is happening around the Canberra and environs. This includes not only those events specifically mentioned here but also items such as only using the correct parking spaces at events, camping issues, as well as what is happening within your Canine Association. For these updates and speedy input to the website we would like to thank the Administrator John Birch and his able staff.

Dogs ACT would like to thank Jenny Kenworthy for her assistance in running the last conformation stewards course. At shows these folk are like hens teeth and it is with her guidance that we have some excellent stewards. Watch the journal and website for the next one early in the New Year.

On 20th September 2009 and 28th March 2010 there have been two successful dogs day out events one in Belconnen and one in the Tuggeranong area. These were

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organised by the ACT Government and Dogs ACT was ably represented and there to be seen with our large awning/gazebo emblazoned with the Dogs ACT logo. Several of our Council were in attendance as were many members, some of whom brought dogs and it was good to see that a large majority of the public who attended also had pure bred dogs.

We held agility and obedience demonstrations which were the delight of everyone and showed that dogs have fun too. There were also flyball and sled dog demonstrations and a great day out was had by everyone we spoke to. It was a worthwhile effort put on by your Council and members and we look forward to seeing you all at these future events.

Socialisation classes – these are continuing this year and we would like to thank Cary & Eddi Van Cleef for their tireless efforts over the past several years and welcome Trish & Lenore Dyer for the more recent classes.

Over the past couple of years we have held baby puppy and ‘passionate about puppies’ classes educating members on how best to socialise and educate their babies and these were well attended but it is up to you our members to let us know what you would like to see so please send us your input for more events, classes, sessions or demonstrations with which we can assist you.

There have been several Presidents and Secretaries meetings this year where the executive of the affiliated clubs come together to discuss what is of concern to you and how we can resolve issues raised. These have raised matters which make your Association aware of how best to serve you its members.

The website continues to be a mine of information and we hope that if you have any ideas for educating our members on any aspect of canine activities and husbandry you will let us know via the office.

We look forward to bringing you more events in the coming year.

J Woolley
Education Sub Committee

RETRIEVING & FIELD TRIALS – MR ROBERT TAWTON

Perhaps the most important activity of the 2009/2010 year was the conduct of the ACT State Retrieving Trial Championship and the 40th National Retrieving Trial Championship which were held in the Bombala area on 10/11 October and 16/17/18 October respectively.

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Both events were well supported attracting fields of 40 plus dogs. Support from local property owners, John and Anna Vincent and their neighbours, the Bombala Hall Committee, the efforts of the management team which includes Jason Ferris, Laraine Frawley, Pam Tawton, Lara Sedgmen, Joanne Hagan, Siobhan Tawton and George Fane, assistance from John Stott and Graeme Rogers who travelled from Victoria specifically to assist, Flo Tidswell and Ray Goody who travelled from Sydney to assist coupled with financial support from the ACT Gundog Society collectively contributed to the conduct of two highly successful events of which Dogs ACT can justly feel proud.

The ACT State Championship: - Was judged by the father and son team of Robert and Gareth Tawton.

- 1st RT Ch Featherhunt Joshua, J Pannett (WA) 225.5 points
- 2nd RT Ch Tockatunga Little Rascal, R Whitechurch (Vic) 215 points
- 3rd Yorifeld Joy Tothe World AARD, P Winkfield (Vic) 210.5 points
- 4th Gr RT Ch Ob Ch Altquin Stern JDM ADM, M Hankinson (WA) 202
- 5th RT Ch Adderslot Mustang Sally, G Bridges (NSW) 181.5 points

The 40th National Championship: - Was judged by Graeme Parkinson (NSW) and Trevor Stevens (Vic).

- 1st Gr RT Ch Kadnook PrideovCork (Lab)-Monty, G&S Tawton 329 pts
- 2nd Warwiba Braveheart (GSP) – Charlie, W Outtrim 326 points
- 3rd RT Ch Tockatunga DownUnder (Lab) – Tank, K Andrews 319.5 pts
- 4th RT Ch Tockatunga Twist of Fate (Lab) – Abby, K Andrews 313.5 pts
- 5th FT&RT Ch Pointgold Obliterate (GSP) – Junior, D Mills 286.5 pts

Monty's win places him in a unique class as the first dog to have won every RT Championship event conducted in Australia.

The 2009 ANKC Conference introduced a requirement whereby Members of all ANKC Committees are required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Many consider the Agreement in its present form to be unnecessary and draconian to say the least, with a result that a number of National RAFT Delegates have refused to sign the document. The resultant loss of expertise should not be underestimated. It is understood that a number of Member Bodies and the National RAFT will raise this issue at the 2010 ANKC conference and the Dogs ACT RAFT recommends to Council that it promotes and supports any initiative to either scrap the requirement and/or develop a well considered and more appropriate document.

At the 2009 ANKC Conference the NRAFT was tasked to develop a National Set of Rules for the Conduct of Gundog Working Tests. A Working Party was established and it developed a draft set of Rules based on the various State Rules used independently by the NT, QLD, NSW, Vic, SA and Tasmania. The resultant draft

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set of Rules was then circulated to Member Bodies as part of an extensive review/consultation process.

At the NRAFT Conference held 26 & 27 June 2010 the various inputs were discussed in detail and a consensus was reached. It is expected that the 2010 ANKC Conference will endorse the new set of rules which will then become effective 1 January 2011.

The key features are;

A new name: Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs.

Associate Dogs of a Gundog breed will be encouraged to compete.

The use of pigeons or dummies will be optional.

Guns will not be permitted.

There will be titles on offer at the Novice and Open level. Titles will be gained on passes irrespective of whether dummies or pigeons are used.

The exercises at Open level are a logical extension of those mandated at Novice level. Blind Retrieves are out.

The RAFT Committee is delighted to report that the ACT Gundog Society has reintroduced both Pointer and Setter Field Trials and Spaniel and Retriever Field Trials and that both forms of competition are extremely well supported. Details, results and photographs may be found at

<http://www.australianworkingretrievercentral.org.au>

Robert Tawton.

ACT RAFT Coordinator

JUNIOR HANDLERS REPORT – MISS LYN HOUGHTON

The Junior Handler committee has been very busy over the last 12 months. Each state has a nominated delegate who acts as the contact point between the ANKC, each other, their State Controlling Body (Dogs ACT) and the various clubs within their area. Unfortunately due to the distance between our states many of the members have never actually met each other.

Over the last year the committee has finalised the Junior Handler Manual which is now on the ANKC website. We have commenced work on the production of a Junior Handler Judges exam that is in line with the manual. Once this is complete the ACT will be able to offer exams to interested persons who wish to become a Junior Handler Judge.

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With the disbandment of the Pal Handler system in which the ACT covered a region around the ACT there were of course many more juniors available to compete at our final. As we are no longer able to use the regional system and must now use the ACT only the numbers for Junior Handlers have been reduced dramatically.

Apart from this fact I believe this is further exacerbated by a compilation of events such as potential juniors becoming involved in other sports that take them away from dog showing, parents moving out of the ACT and the shrinking dog fraternity as a whole. There is however a number of really young up and coming potential handlers (under 6 years) in the ACT and these must be encouraged as they will become the future face of the fraternity.

The ACT final for Junior Handlers has just been held at the recent ACT Ladies Show on Sunday 15 August 2010.

Congratulations to our winner - Miss Megan Duncan of Kaleen.
Runner up - Master Morgan Harvey of Wanniasa.

The National final this year will be held at the Melbourne Royal with the National winner going on to Crufts. Good luck to our finalist and we hope to hear very good news from Melbourne.

Recently, clarification is being obtained from the CRUFTS organisers as to the age of the finalist. At present we follow the rules as stated in the manual that a National Finalist must be under the age of 18 years at the time of the Crufts final, however it has been discovered that a number of this years finalist were actually already 18 years old. It appears that this has been happening for a few years and the organisers are aware of it.

I will let everyone know the outcome of the advice received as soon as we get it.

Lyn Houghton
Delegate - ACT Junior Handler Committee

BREED SUB COMMITTEE – MRS LINDA STEVENS

The Breed Sub Committee has supported the approval of the following extended breed standards:

Great Dane, Dachshund – 6 varieties, Australian Cattle Dog, Borzoi.
These have consequently been approved by the ANKC.

Irish Setter – Dogs ACT were supportive of the Irish Setter Breed Extended Standard. However additional comments received from DOGS WEST and DOGS

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QLD were sent to the National Breed Standards Coordination Group (NBSCG) who consulted with the NSW and Victorian Clubs. The response from these Clubs has been supported by the NBSCG. Irish Setter Breed Standard extension has been finally approved.

Staffordshire Bull Terrier – The Breed Sub Committee has considered a request from the ACT and District Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club not to support the draft breed extension. They have provided compelling arguments to challenge the document. These were forwarded to the National Breed committee for their consideration.

Due to lack of support by other Member bodies the extended standard as been withdrawn from approval. It is hoped this will then allow time for the Breed Clubs to liaise and present a Breed Standard Extension to the ANKC.

Recognition of the Dutch Shepherd – The National Breed Standards Coordination Group (NBSCG) recommended recognition of this breed and for it to be allocated to Group 5 (Working). Dutch Shepherd Breed Standard has been approved by the ANKC and the breed allocated to Group 5. Registrations can commence immediately with the Dutch Shepherd being permitted to be shown at all ANKC Affiliated Shows as from 1 July, 2010.

Recognition of the Xoloitzcuintle – The National Breed Standards Coordination Group (NBSCG) recommended the recognition of this breed and for it to be allocated to Group 7 (Non Sporting). The Xoloitzcuintle has been approved by the ANKC and allocated to Group 7 (Non Sporting). Registrations can commence immediately with the Xoloitzcuintle being permitted to be shown at all ANKC Affiliated Shows as from 1 July, 2010.

**Linda Steven
ACT Breeds Sub Committee.**

HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT – MRS CLAIRE KASPURA

Members: Claire Kaspura, Convenor, Wendy Downing, Simon Mills,
Kerry Olsson, Fiona Quinlan, Dr Patricia Woodman.

I want to firstly thank my committee for their time and hard work they have generously given this year.

The Committee's work over the last twelve months has focussed on formulating recommendations for Dogs ACT's responses on:

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- Matters to be discussed at the ANKC's Health and Welfare Committee, Sydney, 28-29 March 2010.
- RSPCA's Puppy Buyers Guide.
- RSPCA's Responsible Companion Animal Breeding Position Paper.
- Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs in the ACT.
- Code of Practice for the Sale of Animals in the ACT (other than saleyards).
- ANKC Protocols for DNA-based Disease Testing.
- Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines – Dogs, April 2010.

The ANKC's Health and Welfare Committee met in Sydney over two days in March with Representatives from all States and Territories, with the exception of Tasmania and the Northern Territory in attendance. The main items for discussion included:

- Recording of DNA and other Health and Test information on the ANKC Database and pedigree/registration forms. The ANKC Database generally.
- Recommendations relating to a protocol for processing/recording details of dogs claiming to be natural bob tails.
- Appointment of Deputy Chairperson – Dr Roberta Veale, South Australia
- Issues relating to first and second degree matings.
- Mandatory testing for various forms of inherited disease and litter registration limitations – several breeds. A template for requesting LRLs is to be prepared.
- An Accredited Breeder Scheme
- Minimum Breeding Age for Bitches
- Breed Standard Protocols for DNA Testing
- Current state of canine health research in Australia
- Issues arising from "Pedigree Dogs Exposed" and the "Bateson Report".

This meeting was very productive. At the time of writing this report, many recommendations emanating from the meeting are still to be ratified at the ANKC's forthcoming conference.

Claire Kaspura

Dogs ACT Health & Welfare Sub-committee.

ACT Representative on the ANKC Health & Welfare Committee

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2009 - 2010 Titles & Awards

	2008/09	2009/10
Grand Champions	10	5
Champions	68	61
Obedience Champions	1	0
CCD	8	7
Companion Dog	2	7
Companion Dog Excellent	4	3
Utility Dog	0	2
Endurance Titles	4	1
Agility Dog	7	10
Agility Dog Excellent	4	3
Agility Dog Open	6	3
Agility Dog Masters	2	3
Jumping Dog	9	8
Jumping Dog Excellent	5	3
Jumping Dog Masters	1	2
Jumping Dog Open	5	1
Jumping Dog Open 2	1	0
Gambler Dog	6	5
Gambler Dogs Excellent	3	1
Gambler Dogs Masters	3	2
Retrieving Trial Champion	1	0
Novice Retrieving Dog	2	0
Restricted Retrieving Dog	2	2
H.S.As	0	1
H.S.Bs	2	0
Herding Instinct Certificate	1	0
Herding Pre trial	1	0
Herding Test	1	0
Snooker Dog	13	4
Snooker Dog Excellent	3	3
Snooker Dog Masters	3	0
Strategic Pairs Dog	5	7
Strategic Pairs Dog Excellent	3	0
Strategic Pairs Dog Masters	0	1
Flyball Champion	3	1
Flyball Dog	2	1
Flyball Dog Excellent	3	1

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**ELECTION FOR 2010 - 2011
ACT Canine Association (Dogs A.C.T) COUNCIL**

The listed candidates are standing for the following positions.

The number in the brackets, indicate the number of positions vacated by past Council member/s and subject to election this year.

The order in which the names appear on this list were drawn from a box by the Returning Officer in the presence of the A.C.T.C.A Administrator.

Position	Candidate	Period of Office
President (1)	Mr Simon MILLS	Two (2) Years. The next election for the position of President will be in 2012.
Treasurer (1)	Mrs Dee HYDE	Two (2) years. The next election for the position of Treasurer will be in 2012.
Council Member (4)	Ms Lyn HOUGHTON Ms Di EASTER Mrs Linda STEVENS Mr Max MARTIN	Four (4) to be elected for a 2 year period in office. The next election for these positions will be in 2012.

Important - Subsequent years will see what termed “half elections” are being held –

- Position of Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President and four council members elected on the “odd year”. (2011, 2013 etc).
- Positions of President, Treasurer and four council members elected on the “even year”. (2010, 2012, 2014 etc).

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**ACT Canine Association Inc detailed profit and loss
Statement for the year ended 30 June 2010**

Income:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Members Subscriptions	24,952.76	26,857.35
Registration (Litter) Fees	13,523.67	11,238.06
Transfer Fees	69,514.17	78,753.10
Prefix Transfers & Renewals	4,299.35	5,239.66
Sale Of Stationery & Books	4,004.02	5,924.29
Championships & Awards	4,450.21	5,500.21
Judges Training & Licences		297.44
Affiliation Fees	2,390.00	1,963.03
Show Ground Levies	29,221.84	28,949.68
Showground -ground Hire & camping	10,635.79	14,686.99
Cleaning, Room Hire & Vendors	8,552.23	8,642.84
Show / Trials Receipts	7,884.15	17,613.36
Journal Sales & Advertising	4,643.65	1,804.08
Interest Received	10,601.64	14,136.66
Sundry Receipts	3,055.44	5,871.11
Microchipping -Net Of Costs	300.00	21.00
Recreation Program Grant	6,000.00	6,000.00
Total income	204,028.92	233,498.86

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**ACT Canine Association Inc detailed profit and loss
Statement for the year ended 30 June 2010**

Expenses:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Advertising	558.00	866.69
Show & Events Running Costs	5,876.73	13,049.02
ANKC & Conference Expenses	16,616.60	19,174.91
Amortisation Expense	3,624.00	3,838.00
Audit fees	2,200.00	2,200.00
Awards & Trophies	1,804.46	678.13
Bank fees and charges	4,093.49	2,488.63
Cleaning/rubbish removal	3,294.56	6,223.81
Computer Charges & Maintenance	2,357.03	3,690.69
Cost Of Stationery For Resale	2,385.18	2,485.85
Depreciation Charge	10,892.00	9,912.00
Education & Promotion	300.00	276.98
Provision for Staff Leave Entitlements	3,037.00	2,960.00
Insurance	14,444.97	21,163.48
Journal Distribution & Print'g	6,706.09	5,247.64
Mowing « Water Expenses	7,923.98	11,951.59
Postage	1,337.19	1,143.91
Printing & Office Supplies	1,456.26	1,266.39
Rent on land & buildings	14,055.07	13,448.21
Repairs, maintenance & improvements	760.98	3,883.72
Security	958.00	911.00
Stationery Office	1,062.28	831.99
Sundry expenses	1,238.70	1,611.51
Superannuation	6,372.34	6,584.82
Telephone	2,086.32	4,463.08
Wages	73,360.44	67,831.38
Total expenses	188,801.67	208,183.43
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	15,227.25	25,315.43
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	15,227.25	25,315.43
Total changes in equity of the association	15,227.25	25,315.43
Opening retained profits	347,279.26	321,963.83
Net profit attributable to the association	15,227.25	25,315.43
Closing retained profits	362,506.51	347,279.26

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**ACT Canine Association inc.
Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2010**

Current Assets:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Cash Assets		
Cash At Bank - Working Account	53,780.40	34,506.76
Cash on Deposit	187,825.11	173,190.46
Cash on hand	252.60	172.84
	241,858.11	207,870.06
Receivables	25,321.65	30,471.41
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments		
	25,321.65	30,471.41
Current Tax Assets		
Stationery & Trophies on hand	5,509.00	7,720.00
	5,509.00	7,720.00
Total Current Assets	272,688.76	246,061.47
Non-Current Assets	127,291.27	127,291.27
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Buildings @ cost		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(73,573.00)	(69,949.00)
Ground Plant & Improvements	154,519.86	147,407.86
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(103,383.00)	(96,817.00)
Office equipment	37,901.72	33,635.36
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,851.00)	(20,525.00)
	117,905.85	121,043.49
Total Non-Current Assets	117,905.85	121,043.49
Total Assets	390,594.61	367,104.96

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**ACT Canine Association inc.
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2010**

Current Liabilities:

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Payables		
Secured: Sundry Creditors	10,148.10	2,532.70
	10,148.10	2,532.70
Provisions: Provision Employee entitle't	8,647.00	5,610.00
	8,647.00	5,610.00
Other: Income Received In Advance	9,293.00	11,683.00
	9,293.00	11,683.00
Total Current Liabilities	28,088.10	19,825.70
Total Liabilities	28,088.10	19,825.70
Net Assets	362,506.51	347,279.26
Members' Funds:		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	362,506.51	347,279.26
Total Members' Funds	362,506.51	347,279.26

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**ACT Canine Association inc. Notes to the Financial
Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2010**

NOTE 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991.

The financial report covers ACT Canine Association Incorporated as an individual entity. The Association as an association incorporated in the ACT under Association Incorporation Act 1991

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation Accounting Policies

a. Income tax

No provision has been made for income tax as the Association is exempt from taxation under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Property, Plant-and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Where an asset is acquired at no cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition

The carrying amount of the assets is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows is discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a diminishing value basis over its useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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The depreciating rates used for each class are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rates
Plant & Equipment	20% — 25%
Ground Improvements	4% - 10%
Buildings	2.5%

c. Impairment of Assets.

At each reporting date, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

e. Revenue

Sales of goods and services -
Revenue is recognised upon the delivery of goods and services to customers.

Government Grants -
Government grants are recognised as income on a systematic and rational basis over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs.

Interest revenue -
Interest is recognised on an accrual basis.

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**HOUSTON & HANNA -
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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ACT CANINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30^T JUNE, 2010**

Scope.

I have audited the attached financial statements of the ACT Canine Association Incorporated (The Association) for the year ended 30th June 2010. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion.

In my opinion,

- (a) The financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:
 - (i) So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements
 - (ii) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and

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- (iii) in accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards;
- (b) I have obtained all the information and explanations required;
- (c) Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and
- (d) The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the Association.



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Kim Hanna FCA
Registered Company Auditor
Date 2.8.10