

## 2012 DOGS ACT OBEDIENCE JUDGES COURSES

Courses for aspirant Obedience Judges will be run in 2012.

With the exception of applications for the CCD/Novice course, applications for acceptance on an Obedience Judges course should be made by 31.3.2012 on the appropriate form.

Applications for the CCD/Novice course are required to undertake a preliminary entrance test based on the General Section of the *Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials* and should submit applications by the end of February. Application forms are available from the Dogs ACT Office. Courses will commence in April 2012 and finish in late October/early November with theory and practical examinations.

There is a course fee of \$50 which should be enclosed with the application form. Details of the course syllabus and timetable will be issued to approved applicants. Those aspirants not admitted to the course will receive a refund of \$40.00. Aspirants must be a person approved by the Dogs ACT Council.

The standard qualifications for all levels of Aspirant Obedience Judges are:

- (i) have been a Member of either the Dogs ACT or another Controlling Body for at least five (5) years and be a current Dogs ACT Member
- (ii) be at least 21 years of age
- (iii) be a resident of the ACT
- (iv) be on the Dogs ACT Obedience Stewards Panel (or other equivalent Controlling Body Panel)
- (v) be on the Dogs ACT Obedience Instructors Panel

Specific requirements for each course are set out below.

### **1. CCD/NOVICE COURSE**

- 1.1 Applicant has been a 'qualified\*' and active instructor at a minimum of Novice level in an Affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding the application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required; **Or**
- 1.2 Applicant can demonstrate ongoing experience and skills in personal training and trialling a dog to obedience titles. ( Supporting evidence required)
- 1.3 Applicant has personally trained and trialled a dog to its Novice title;
- 1.4 Applicant has stewarded at least three (3) official Novice trials.

### **2. OPEN**

- 2.1 Applicant holds an ANKC Novice Judges Licence;
- 2.2 Applicant has been a 'qualified\*' and active instructor at a minimum of Open level in an Affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding the application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required,
- 2.3 Applicant has personally trained and trialled a dog to its CDX title
- 2.4 Applicant has stewarded at least three (3) official Open trials.

### **3. UTILITY**

- 3.1 Applicant holds an ANKC Open Judges licence;
- 3.2 Applicant has been a qualified and active instructor at Open or higher levels in an affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding this application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required;

- 3.3.1 Applicant has either
- (a) personally trained and trialled a dog to its UD title **or**
  - (b) has personally trained a dog to Utility level and has trialled the dog in official Obedience Trials in the Utility ring on at least three (3) occasions.

#### **4. UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT**

- 4.1 Applicant holds an ANKC UD Judges licence;
- 4.2 Applicant has been
- (a) a qualified and active instructor at Open or higher levels in an affiliated Club for three (3) years preceding this application. Written proof signed by the relevant club official required;
- Or**
- (b) applicant can demonstrate ongoing experience and skills in personal training and trialling a dog to obedience titles ( Supporting evidence required)
- 4.3 Applicant **either**
- (a) has personally trained and trialled a dog to its UDX title; **or**
  - (b) has either personally trained a dog to Utility level and has trialled the dog in official Obedience Trials in the Utility ring on at least three (3) occasions.

***Notes: 'Qualified' means that the applicant must have successfully completed a formally structured Instructors Course which includes a course syllabus, lecture and theoretical and practical assessment.***