

DOGS ACT POLICY ON HOT AND INCLEMENT WEATHER CONFORMATION SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

Cancellation of a show or exhibition:

- a) Conformation shows must be cancelled when the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts a temperature of 37 degrees Celsius or higher at 10.00 am (on the eve) one day prior to an affiliate's advertised event.
- b) Conformation shows must be cancelled when the Bureau of Meteorology forecasts possible (life threatening or property damaging) inclement weather at 10.00 am (on the eve) one day prior to an affiliate's advertised event.
- c) Where the show or exhibition is a twilight or evening event, the show or exhibition may be delayed or postponed until the temperature or inclement weather condition is deemed suitable/or passed before the event can commence.
- d) It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check the Bureau of Meteorology's web site <http://www.bom.gov.au> at the time specified (10.00 am on the eve of the affiliate's advertised event) for the forecasted weather condition for the day of that event.
- e) All show schedules must state that where a show or exhibition is cancelled in accordance with the Dogs ACT Inclement Weather Policy, no entry fees will be refunded.

Notification of cancellation etc to Dogs A.C.T by Show Secretary:

- a) The Affiliate Member must notify the Dogs ACT office and its officials of its decision to cancel an exhibition immediately.
- b) Where an Affiliate Member has cancelled an exhibition, the Secretary or Show Manager must submit a copy of the catalogue to the Dogs ACT Executive officer as soon as possible but within 14 days of the date of cancellation.

Affiliates Responsibilities:

- a) All contracted judges, stewards and Dogs ACT representative fees must be paid.
- c) An Affiliate Member upon cancelling a show or exhibition may deduct its expenses (and must show the Dogs A.C.T Council that the deduction is reasonable) from the entry fees collected with the balance to be paid to Dogs ACT.
- d) Permitted exceptions to these rules are in the case of an event being held in air conditioned facilities; or where the exhibition is scheduled to commence after 5.00 pm.

Responsibilities after commencement of Show/Exhibition:

- a) Where the temperature on the day of an exhibition reach 30 degrees Celsius or higher, all affiliate members must provide:
 - 1. Adequate shade in each ring for judges and in the assembly areas for stewards and exhibits;

2. A seat for all stewards;
 3. Cool refreshments at ringside for judges and stewards;
 4. Hourly announcements to notify exhibitors to be alert to the conditions:
 - i. Advising that dogs must not be left in cars;
 - ii. That conditions for dogs in trailers must be monitored regularly; and
 - iii. That water and shade must be provided for all exhibits at all times when not in the show ring.
- b) Affiliates should consider judging through morning tea/lunch breaks in consultation with judge/s. Where there is no lunchbreak, Junior Handler classes will not be conducted unless scheduled prior to the commencement of the exhibition.
- c) Affiliates should also consider the welfare of judges, stewards and exhibits in circumstances of gale force (destructive) wind. In the case of severe electrical storms in the vicinity of the exhibition, all judging should cease until the extreme weather has passed.