

Dogs ACT Conformation Judges Training Scheme (ACT CJTS).

Introduction:

The purpose of this document is to examine the feasibility of running an ACT Judges Training Scheme before we accept trainee applications.

As everybody, at every level of the ACT CJTS except the trainee judges will be volunteers, we need to establish the structure of Administration from the top down then we ensure that we are in position to run a judges training scheme, and that our scheme is respected by other states and the ANKC.

The whole training scheme and its processes must be completely transparent and free of any chance of conflict of interest at any or all levels.

The ACT CJTS will run in accordance to the ANKC Regulation Part 3 -Judges Training & Examination Program (see attached – attachment A), but in consideration to the availability of ACT trainers, facilities, club/specialist involvement and administration.

It is important that the CJTS is run as a benefit to Dogs ACT member residents first and foremost.

As the ACT CJTS may run in conjunction with the NSW CJTS, our structure (See attached – attachment B) needs to resemble a similar structure to NSW. If we negotiate access of ACT Trainee Judges to the NSW system or attendance of NSW Trainee Judges to the ACT system. We will need to be working from a similar guideline.

The fee structure would have to be the same as other states especially NSW. This could be at a disadvantage to the ACT as a small CJTS may see higher costs incurred by the ACT; therefore the ACT may need to determine a fee structure that is cost neutral without deterring Trainee participation and the Trainee may need to attend arranged events/training/examination opportunities at their own expense.

I have also contacted Tasmania and Northern Territory whose systems are affected by member participation at the administration level, and have found it necessary to maintain -

Sub Groups – (4 sub groups) where all obligations of the Trainee Judge are completed before they move to the next sub group. With theory exams and written assessments a minimum average pass mark must be met before involvement in Final Theory and Practical exams. A minimum number of breed lectures, field days and written critiques or assignments must be attended or completed and contribute to the suitability of the Trainee Judge to participate in the final exams.

Self Education - Trainee Judges will be required to educate themselves to examination standards by studying Breed Standards, ANKC approved Breed Standard Extensions, the ANKC Glossary of Canine Terms and other appropriate material, researching breeds and presenting their findings, attending appropriate Lectures, Seminars and Field Events as arranged by the Member Body CJC, writing critiques, visiting kennels, discussing breeds with breeders and exhibitors, attending Group and Breed Championship Shows, acquiring as wide and as sound a knowledge as possible of the breed, or breeds in the relevant Group.

Definite period for the CJT scheme – Breeds lecture take place over a 22 to 26 weeks period, subject to public holidays, field days and sub group exams. 18 months is accepted as a reasonable period to complete the Judges training scheme for a single group. 24 Months is accepted as a reasonable period to allow for additional training or retests before the Trainee Judge must participate in a new training scheme.

Trainee Participation - Each Trainee Judge, regardless of which Group they are studying, should be offered equal training opportunities. Where a Trainee displays poor attendance or course participation they will be required to justify whether they continue or Dogs ACT persists with the education process of that trainee. Where it is impractical for Dogs ACT to start or continue with that group/s training/education, Dogs ACT will seek opportunities with other states for that Trainee/s.

Dogs ACT needs your help to provide this service.

As each Member Body shall assist by providing Lectures, Field Events, equipment, teaching aids and examinations, this is where I ask you as a member of the ACT /ANKC Judges Panel for your assistance in providing this service, the ACT Conformation Judges Training Scheme, to our ACT Members.

If you have a look at the proposed ACT Conformation Judges Training Scheme (attachment B) we need-

Conformation Judges Training Scheme – Panel (minimum of 4)

- Chairperson who is an All Breeds Judge,
- Assistant to the Chairperson who is an All Breeds Judge (if not a multi-group judge of significant judging experience and organisational skills).
- Two (2) Conformation Judges of at least Group Standard (to be spread across all Groups), with relevant judging expertise, educational and assessment skills, to be nominated by the Chairperson.
- Any member required by any of the above to perform the responsibilities of an assistant.

This panel is a priority before any judges training scheme can be provided.

There is currently a strong push for all states to work towards one training module across all of Australia. There needs to be an acceptance that change will take place as we draw closer to a single training module and there will be a need for compromise while outcomes/results are determined at the National level.

This may be an autonomous panel but in its early existence will report directly and regularly to the Dogs ACT Council. You will need the ability to liaise with the Chairperson/s of other state conformation judges training schemes and represent the ACT at ANKC CJTS conferences, and will be the primary contact for ACT Trainee judges to other state CJTS bodies.

Co-ordinator of CJTS Theory and Practical exams. (1)

Co-ordinator of Members Education. (1)

Participation by the ACT Administrator.

Group Convenors and assistant Group Convenors. (7)

- Must be an ANKC approved Group Judge for a minimum of 5 years in the Group for which he/she is co-ordinating.

We are seeking 15 persons to fill the above positions. We need your participation.

Dogs ACT want to put this process to its members and seek Trainee Judges as soon and as conveniently possible to all participants at all levels.

**Please complete the attached form nominating your level of participation
and return before 1 October 2009 to the
Dogs ACT Administrator, PO Box 815, Dickson, ACT, 2602.**

**Important - All information will be sorted and forwarded to the ACT Council,
for the next council meeting to be held on 7 October 2009.**

Name: _____

Contact phone: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Email contact: _____

How can you help?

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Co-ordinator of CJTS Theory and Practical exams Assistant to the Co-ordinator CJTS T&P exams

Co-ordinator of Members Education. Assistant to Co-ordinator of Members Ed.

Group Convenors Please nominate your preferred group as Convenor.

Group 1	Group2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
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Other help _____

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