

SYDNEY ROYAL JUDGING CHANGES

The Domestic Animals Committee of the RAS of NSW is pleased to announce major changes to the 2007 Sydney Royal Dog Show.

- Obedience and Agility Classes will be held before Conformation Classes;
- The need to qualify dogs in conformation classes has been removed;
- Champions will be precluded from exhibiting in the Puppy, Junior, Intermediate and Open Classes;
- Three new conformation classes have been added viz:
- Champion Class (dogs and bitches will be shown together).
- Veteran Dog (must be entire and 7 years of age or over).
- Veteran Bitch (must be entire and 7 years of age or over).
- A Breeders Group special class will be held.

Changing the timetable will give dogs entered in the Obedience and Agility Classes a chance to use a 'fresh' judging area. In past years these classes have been held after 10 days of conformation classes and because of the smells and residues left in the judging lawn it has been very difficult for dogs to qualify.

Also, the major winners from both the Obedience and Agility Trials will now be able to be acknowledged and be part of the Best in Show presentation.

Dogs aged over 12 months and under 36 months which are not champions will not have to qualify at 3 shows to enter the Show.

The procedure for judging challenge winners will be as follows:

- Best of Breed will be a competition between:
- Challenge Dog
- Challenge Bitch
- First place in the Champions Class
- Best Dog in the Veterans Class
- Best Bitch in the Veterans Class
- Runner Up to Best of Breed will be a competition between the dogs left in the line up after Best of Breed is judged and;

(a) will include the Reserve Challenge Dog if the Challenge Dog is selected as Best of Breed, or alternatively:

(b) will include the Reserve Challenge Bitch if the Challenge Bitch is selected as Best of Breed.

The new competition format to select the Best of Breed is demonstrated in the chart below:

3 Puppy Dog
4 Junior Dog
5 Intermediate Dog
II Open Dog
Challenge Dog (Challenge Points will be awarded on the basis of 5 points plus 1 point for every exhibit exhibited in Classes 3,4,5 and II to a maximum of 25 points).

3A Puppy Bitch
4A Junior Bitch
5A Intermediate Bitch
II A Open Bitch
Challenge Bitch (Challenge Points will be awarded on the basis of 5 points plus 1 point for every exhibit exhibited in Classes 3,4,5 and II to a maximum of 25 points).

12 Champions Class 1st Place in the Champions Class

13 Dog Veterans Class Best Veteran Dog
14 Bitch Veteran Class Best Veteran Bitch
Best of Breed

(Best of Breed Challenge Points will be awarded on the basis of 5 points plus 1 point for every exhibit exhibited in Classes 3, 4, 5, II, 12, 13 and 14 to a maximum of 25 points).

If the Best of Breed comes from the Champions Class or from a Veterans Class 3 sets of challenge points will be awarded.

The Domestic Animals Committee is excited about the prospect of taking the Sydney Royal Dog Show into a new level of competition with these innovative changes and acknowledges and appreciates the support of the Board of Directors of Dogs NSW in introducing these changes for the 2007 Sydney Royal Dog Show.

AVA hails NSW program to counter dog attacks



The President of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) Dr Kersti Seksel has hailed a new NSW Government funded \$1.8 million program that will seek to educate children about the handling and management of pets.

The AVA signed an agreement to assist in the delivery of the program with the NSW Department of Local Government yesterday. Dr Seksel said the Safe Pets Out There (SPOT) program is exactly the kind of response that is required to reduce dog attacks and other problems associated with poorly managed pets.

"International research shows that the socialisation, training, care and management of pets is central to helping reduce problems such as dog attacks. The only way to address these issues is to make a concerted effort with educational programs such as this."

"The AVA has been lobbying the NSW government to assist in getting a program like this happening for some time. By combining the expertise of the AVA, Australian Companion Animal Council, Delta Society Australia, Animal Welfare League and RSPCA we have the resources to make a difference."

Beginning in 2007, the SPOT program will aim to reach every primary school in NSW over the next three years, and will teach children about animal welfare, safety around dogs and responsible pet ownership. Dr Seksel said she hoped the program would be extended so that we can see even longer term benefits.

"SPOT will be carefully monitored for its effectiveness, but international experience shows that this is the way to go. NSW will lead the way with SPOT and I hope that other states will look very closely at replicating it. The AVA is more than happy to lend its experience and expertise to this worthwhile program."

Ch Thunderfire Brilliant Csaba ADX, JDX

Owner of Csaba, Gaille Newton received a lovely present from her workmates, it has all been photographed onto a piece of canvas and then blind framed. The timber that has been photographed as the background is from an old convict building in Tasmania. The canvas has been treated/coated in some way that it can be wiped over with a damp cloth if necessary.

The person who organised it was most upset because since she had ordered it, Csaba had obtained his ADX. Once I had reassured her that it was correct the way it was, that Csaba was just AD, JD at the time of the photos and at that time in his career, and that was the way it should be, she was OK. I don't often 'lose it' as they say, but as I was opening it up, and started to see Csaba, I did. It was so beautiful, I just couldn't believe it.



2007 SYDNEY ROYAL DOG SECTION JUDGING TIMETABLE

The change of dates for the 2007 Sydney Royal Easter Show will affect the Show and Trial Calendar of Affiliates of Dogs NSW (Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd).

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) Domestic Animals Committee recently met with representatives of Dogs NSW to discuss the 2007 Dog Section timetable for our Royal Easter Show.

The meeting agreed that the RAS will work closely with Dogs NSW to avoid where possible scheduling of judging if there is already a Group or Specialty Show scheduled on that day.

Currently the Agility and Obedience Trials are held after the completion of Conformation judging. As the smells and residue left on the lawn from Conformation judging makes it difficult for agility and obedience dogs to

work in the area we are now investigating Agility and Obedience trials taking place before Conformation judging. This will also enable the winners of these trials to be acknowledged at the Conformation Best in Show presentation.

The Committee is therefore considering a trials program that would enable Agility and Obedience to be held on the first few days of the Show.

The program would then continue with the Conformation Classes with General Specials being held on Wednesday 18th April, the last day of the 2007 Sydney Royal Easter Show.