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President's Report



It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Ian and Gail Taylor. They were on their way back home to Tennant Creek from Alice Springs when just north of Barrow Creek a tyre blew causing their vehicle to roll over.

Ian and Gail were a popular couple known to most of us in the Territory. They would travel down to Alice Springs and up to Darwin to show their dogs on a regular basis.

Ian was the mainstay behind the Tennant Creek Dog Show held each year between the major Shows held in Alice and the Darwin Royal.

On behalf of all Councillors and members of "Dogs NT" I offer sincere condolences to Ian and Gail's family and close friends on their and the Territory's loss. Ian and Gail you will be sorely missed.

I attended the 2008 ANKC Conference in October and can report that a large amount of work was covered in the two days.

Some of the things I can report here are that all states and Territories were in agreement in regards to keeping the Junior Handlers Competition going. A committee is being set up to organise the running of and sponsorship of the event. All clubs can hold Junior Handlers comps with the qualifiers going on to compete at State or National finals with the aim of competing in an International Handlers Competition. The Handlers Rules on the ANKC website will be used so all parents of juniors and prospective Handlers Judges should get themselves a copy.

The ANKC Database is continually being updated with an e-commerce section to be brought on line soon. Members will be able to do on line most of the things that they normally go to the office for.

As you may have noticed in an earlier part of my report I mentioned "Dogs NT". The NACA has had a name change to bring us into line with other states. We will still retain The North Australian Canine Association Inc. but trading as "Dogs NT". This will make it easier for people who are not familiar with our organisation to locate us and it also has a more modern tone.


I would also like to offer congratulations to the Telstra Business Womens Awards winner of the NT Hudson Private and Corporate Sector Award (for owners with less than a 50 per cent share of a business); our own Yvonne Van der Horst - Managing Director of McNeil Surgical NT P/L, Winnellie.

I wish everyone a very Safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Cheers,
 Mel

IMPORTANT NOTE TO MEMBERS

Could members please not exercise their dogs on the training grounds. Instead, we encourage members to exercise dogs in the enclosed area immediately outside the front gate, otherwise known as the members car park


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