



May 2025

Motions On Notice (See Canine Notices for details)

- Amendments to CAWA Regulation A
- Amendments to CAWA Regulation A58
- Amendments to CAWA Regulation HM2 2.2
- Amendments to CAWA Regulation HM2 2.9
- Amendments to CAWA Regulation B31
- Amendments to CAWA Regulation C5
- Amendments to CAWA Regulation C7

Committee Business

Governance Committee

- On the recommendation of the Honours Board, Dogs West to develop and adopt an award scheme recognising length of membership in 10 yearly increments. Self nominating scheme to be developed.

Executive Committee

- Implementation of ID checks. Essential to meet requirements under the privacy act.
- Proposal received from the Harrisdale Men's Shed regarding the incorporation of a Men's Shed facility on the Dogs West grounds. After consideration, the proposal was not approved at this time, as the Association is currently undergoing a strategic planning process.

Finance Committee

- Increased ANKC levies (50c per levy except judges licences and Export pedigrees) to be added to the applicable fees.
- With amendments, the Budget Assumptions, Fees List and Proposed Budget for 2025/2026 was accepted.
- Royal Canin Sponsorship Contract. Dogs West secured an increase to the cash contribution, but the quantity of the product remains the same.
- Dispensation granted for K Popp to commence Herding judge training program, despite falling short of the membership requirement.
- M Boom, S Chu, M Matthews, S Shields and H Sweeney are accepted as SprintDog Trainee Judges by the working party.

General Business

- The Setter and Spaniel Society of WA to be disaffiliated and Governing Council recommend the remaining funds be directed to the Gundog Club.
- Lease of Land – Waveconn. In accordance with Item 19.1 of the Constitution of the Canine Association of Western Australia (CAWA), and following receipt of independent legal advice confirming that the Association's best interests are fully protected, the Governing Council approved that the Common Seal of the Association be affixed to the lease documents relating to the portion of land as described in Annexure A, being part of the land on Deposited Plan 55134, as approved by members at the Special General Meeting held on 10 April 2025.

June 2025

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- CAWA Regulations – Schedule 1 - DEFINITIONS
- CAWA Regulation HM2 2.25

Committee Business

Executive Committee

- Reviewed 'Basic Constitution for Clubs' approved. All affiliated clubs to be advised of the amendments, rationale and new template to consider the amendments for their next AGM.
- Appreciation Event – Date agreed of 17 January 2026. 6:30pm start.
- Website's published penalties continue to show in perpetuity.

Finance Committee

- Wisdom Wellbeing – Peninsula's Employment Assistance Program to be purchased for the annual fee of \$450.
- Submitted Budgets for Agility Fundraising Trials August and September 2025 approved.
- Dachshund Club proposal for additional development of the Earthdog Enclosure, including container for storage and planting of native shrubs, considered.
- Lower Arena toilets will be opened on all weekends when the grounds are open. This is to allow members who utilise the grounds informally to access facilities. The office will monitor any issues such as vandalism.
- Application for I Cross to aspire as a trainee Earthdog judge accepted.
- Presidents Honorarium approved

General Business

- Governing Council Elections 2025 - Update
- Vice President - H. Jones elected unopposed.
- Seven nominees for three General Committee and three Deputy positions.
- Voting is underway via Vero Voting; closes 20 August 2025. Results to be published on the website 25 August 2025.
- Mailchimp reminders for voting to use Vero's spreadsheet, not main member list.
- Posters suggested with a call to action and QR code to encourage voting.
- CEO to contact CJTWP to confirm requirements of new breed, BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN SCENT HOUND, in 2025 program.
- Permission granted to A Rushby to cut some woolly bushes on Dogs West property, near the Ranford Road gate, where visibility is blocked for donation to WA Wildlife. Councillors agreed, noting it would reduce fire hazards as woolly bushes are highly flammable. Only trimming (not removal) will be done, with prior growth regrowing well in the past. To start with a small quantity based on need.
- Progress on the breeds at risk topic for the upcoming Dogs Australia event in October. P Campbell confirmed there has been no progress on the initiative; a consistent framework or criteria is needed before further progress can be made.

TEMPERAMENT TESTING ASSESSORS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Association invites Expressions of Interest, including a resume of relevant dog behaviour qualifications/ experience, from members prepared to serve as assessors in temperament tests in the cases of aggressive dogs.

Applications close with the Association on **Friday 19th**

December 2025.

Please submit to the office marked Attention: CEO, M Norton – Temperament Testing Assessor or email with subject line 'Temperament Testing Assessor' to K9@dogswest.com



Canine Notices

Amended Dogs West Regulations

CAWA Regulations Section A amended by the addition of:

A22 Vexatious and/or Frivolous Complaints

Dogs West is committed to managing complaints fairly and efficiently. However, certain complaints and behaviours may be assessed as vexatious and/or frivolous.

Dogs West has a duty of care to protect the health and safety of all individuals involved in the complaint process, including staff, contractors, volunteers, members, and the public. Harassment or aggression in any form will not be tolerated.

Once a complaint is determined to be vexatious and/or frivolous, as per the definition, it will not be progressed.

A member shall not lodge more than two complaints, that are deemed vexatious and/or frivolous, in an 18 month period. (06/25)

22.1 Decisions Regarding Vexatious and/or Frivolous Complaints

All complaints are referred to the Investigations Committee. If the Investigations Committee deems the complaint as vexatious and/or frivolous, the complainant will be notified of the concerns and given five (5) working days to provide additional information demonstrating that their complaint is genuine and made in good faith.

Any submission received will be considered before a final decision is made regarding whether the complaint will proceed. (06/25)

A23 Unreasonable Conduct

Individuals interacting with Dogs West may exhibit unreasonable conduct. Dogs West does not tolerate unreasonable behaviour towards staff, contractors or volunteers.

23.1 Decisions Regarding Unreasonable Conduct

Where a member demonstrates unreasonable conduct the matter will be forwarded to the Investigations Committee. (06/25)

Effective date: 1st June 2025

CAWA Regulation A58 be amended to read:

A58 MINIMUM PENALTIES

58.1 A minimum penalty for a dog found guilty of an act of aggression by a dog towards a person shall be a 4 month suspension (with a pass in a temperament test at the end of the suspension period to be considered for reinstatement) plus a \$200 penalty.

58.2 A minimum penalty for a dog found guilty of an act of aggression by a dog towards another dog shall be a 2 month suspension (with a pass in a temperament test administered by the Association at the end of the suspension to be considered for reinstatement) plus a \$100 penalty.

58.3 Any breach of the Code of Ethics for Members (excluding Breeding breaches and HM2.2 and HM2.3) where found guilty will attract a minimum penalty of a reprimand (which may include a written apology) and a \$100 fine.

58.3.1 Subsequent offences will result in a minimum of double the previous penalty.

58.4 Any breach of HM2.2 and HM2.3. A minimum penalty of suspension of three months will be applied from the date of the hearing and a fine as set.

58.4.1 Subsequent offences will result in a minimum of double the previous penalty.

58.5 Any breach of the Code of Ethics (Breeding) and R Regulations, where found guilty will attract a minimum penalty of \$500.00. Any breach involving Puppies will incur an additional minimum penalty of \$100.00 per puppy.

58.6 Any breach of A22. A minimum penalty of \$200 will be applied.

58.7 Any breach of A23. A minimum penalty of \$200 along with a Modified Service Arrangement will be applied.

Members subject to a Modified Service Arrangement will be notified in writing. This notice will outline:

- The terms of the Modified Service Arrangement.
- The reasons for the modification; and
- The timeframe applicable. (06/25)

Effective date: 1st June 2025

CAWA Regulation HM2 2.2 amended to read:

HM2 CODE OF CONDUCT

2.1 A member shall not knowingly or recklessly misrepresent the ANKC or the member's Member Body.

2.2 A member shall not engage in any behaviour that is contrary to the standards accepted by the community. Members and others defined in HM2.3 will not engage in bullying or harassing or unacceptable behaviours towards other members, staff, volunteers or contractors or disorderly conduct.

2.2.1 Bullying is defined as repeated inappropriate behaviour direct or indirect, whether verbal, gesture, physical or otherwise, conducted by one person or persons against another person or persons. This includes, but is not limited to:

2.2.2 Cyber bullying – placing an offensive or hurtful public message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour.

2.2.3 Unacceptable behaviour is defined as any behaviour that a reasonable person, having regard for the circumstances, would see as victimising, humiliating, undermining or threatening.

2.2.4 Disorderly conduct is defined as disturbing the peace or endangering the morals, health or safety of others. 12/24



- 2.2.5 A member shall not, on more than 2 occasions in an 18 month period, lodge complaints that are found by the Investigations Committee to be Vexatious or Frivolous, as outlined in Regulation A22.
- 2.2.6 A member shall not engage in unreasonable conduct with staff or volunteers, as outlined in Regulation A23.(06/25)

CAWA Regulation HM2 2.9 amended to read

HM2 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.9 Members shall ensure that all dogs under their care are properly controlled, housed, fed, watered, exercised and receive veterinary care as and when required.
- It is an offence for a member to allow any dogs under their care to;
- 2.9.1 suffer neglect due to lack of any or all of the following
- adequate food,
 - water,
 - shelter,
 - exercise,
 - grooming,
 - veterinary care,
 - other basic requirements
- 2.9.2 knowingly roam at large.(06/25)

CAWA Regulation B31 amended to read:

B31 UNACCEPTABLE AGGRESSIVE DOG BEHAVIOUR

At any sanctioned event or on the Dogs West grounds, it is an offence to be in charge of a dog if the dog -

- 31.1 Displays any aggressive or savage disposition towards any person,
- 31.2 Displays any unacceptable aggressive or savage disposition towards any other animal, to such an extent as to constitute a danger to an animal or the efficient conduct of the event.

Where a dog is handled by a minor, the registered owner will be held responsible.(06/25)

Effective Date: 1 June 2025

CAWA Regulation C5 amended to read:

C5 ORDER OF JUDGING:

- 5.2.1 Judge any Special Classes i.e. C2.5 Other Classes, C2.6 Special Classes.
- 5.2.2 Sweepstakes may be held at any suitable time during the conduct of the Sanctioned event at All Breeds shows.
- 5.2.3 Sweepstakes may be held at any suitable time during the conduct of the Sanctioned event at Specialty shows when judged by a judge contracted for sweepstakes only.
- 5.2.4 Property Classes may be held at any suitable time during the conduct of the Sanctioned event at Specialty shows, unless the classes are judged by the same judge officiating the main show, when they must be judged at the conclusion of the main show proceedings.(06/25)

Effective Date: 1 June 2025

CAWA Regulation C7 amended to read

7.1 CHALLENGES & BEST OF BREED CERTIFICATES:

- 7.1.1 Where hard copy Certificates are available, the judge's name is to be typed or printed on the Challenge and Best of Breed Certificates and signed by the Judge if not printed from a show management system.
- 7.1.2 Any hard copy Certificates not collected by the Exhibitor are to be forwarded to the Association office for collection by the exhibitor. for six months from the date of the show. The onus of collection rests with the exhibitor.
- 7.1.3 Certificates, or photocopies, are to be presented to the Association Office when making application for all titles of Australian Champion as evidence of points awarded unless downloading the application from a show management system which has evidence of certificates listed (05/05)

CAWA Regulations – Schedule 1 - DEFINITIONS

CAWA Regulations amended by the addition of a Schedule of DEFINITIONS that applies to all regulations.

CAWA Regulation HM2 2.25 amended to read:

2.25 Breaches of Breeding Regulations are considered to be serious. For that reason, offences in relation to each of the separate regulations may incur higher penalties.

Governance determinations

PROTESTS & DISPUTES TRIBUNAL

20/05/2025

Mr S Rhodes – Guilty breach HM2.23 and Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6 8.4. Penalty is a fine of \$500, plus \$100 in respect of puppy in the litter, for a total of \$600. Must successfully complete Part A of the Breeder's Exam before being permitted to register another litter. Required to submit written records of his breeding operations, as outlined in Dogs West Regulation R24.

27/05/2025

Miss M Le - Guilty breach of Regulations A53.2 & R2.6. Penalty is a fine of \$500, plus \$100 in respect of puppy in the litter, for a total of \$1000. The puppy registered on Main Register be transferred to the Limited Register and all puppies in the litter have their registrations endorsed, 'never to be upgraded'.