



2026

ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW

# CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW & GROUP SPECIALTY SHOWS

20 FEBRUARY – 22 FEBRUARY 2026

## ROYAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

MR SVEIN HELGESEN (NORWAY)  
MRS DAEYEOP JEONG (SOUTH KOREA)  
MR EDDIE PATTERSON (IRELAND)  
MR IWAHASHI TETS (JAPAN)

## GROUP SPECIALTY SHOWS

MRS GAIL PATTERSON (IRELAND)  
MRS GISELLE JEANNES (NEW ZEALAND)  
MR LOUIS DONALD (QUEENSLAND)

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION GUIDE

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The following information has been provided to assist exhibitors during their time at the Royal Canberra Show Dog Section grounds. If you need further information or clarification, please contact the Dog Team Steward between 9 am and 9 pm on 0402 847 687 or 0413 131 817 or email [dawcokennels@gmail.com](mailto:dawcokennels@gmail.com) as per the schedule.

## CARPARK ENTRY

On each day of judging, entry to the car park is **from 6 am** until midday and is only via Old Well Station Road.

Entry for Dog exhibitors will **only** be through the gate on Old Well Station Road. No vehicle access will be permitted at any other showground gates.

Car park passes will be emailed for you to print off and must be clearly displayed on your dashboard for easy recognition by the gate attendant. Please also ensure that you have printed off your exhibit numbers which you will need to enter the dog show area.

## DOG EXERCISING AND BOUNDARIES

You may exercise and toilet your dog within the dog section grounds but not within the show rings. All dogs entered in the show **MUST** remain within the bounds of the dog section grounds and are **not** to be taken onto the other sections of the Royal Canberra Show grounds. Please refer to the map for details of boundaries.

You are reminded also that you must pick up after your dog. Bags and dedicated bins are available around all rings.

## FOOD AND BEVERAGES

You are welcome to bring your own food and drink with you on the day. A selection of hot and cold food options are available within the showgrounds.

## SMOKING

Smokers are reminded that areas within and around the dog show rings, marshalling areas and food outlets are **NON-SMOKING** areas. Please be mindful of people and dogs around you to ensure the comfort of exhibitors and dogs.

## CATALOGUES

Royal Catalogues can be pre-paid with your entry and collected on the day at the dog section office. There will be some catalogues available for purchase on the day, but these will be limited.

Group show Catalogues will be available online only. No hard copies of the catalogue will be available on the day.

## CHALLENGE AND BEST OF BREED CERTIFICATES

Challenge Certificates and Best of Breed Certificates will be available from the dog section office on request.

## GAZEBOS, EQUIPMENT AND SET UP

**This is NOT a benched show.** Please bring your own shade protection and ensure you have plenty of water and cooling facilities for the welfare of your dogs.

**Set up is from 6 am each morning.**

**Exhibitors are advised that temporary shade structures (gazebos/tents) may be erected under the power lines if they do not exceed 2.5 metres in height and are earthed.**

Space around the upper rings will be just adequate for each day's judging and areas may not be "held" for other days. Tarpaulins, tents, gazebos, ropes, pegs, etc. left around these rings **prior to and after** the day of actual judging or **before 6 am** on each morning **will be removed.**

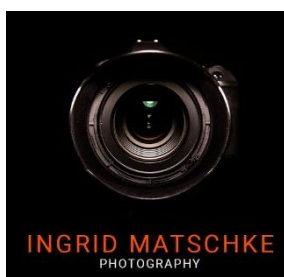
After 6 am Friday morning, equipment may be left at owners' risk, adjacent to the lower rings (rings 5 to 8). The limit of this area will be clearly marked on the ground approx. 12 metres south of the upper rings.



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## DISABLED PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

A limited number of DISABLED PARKING SPACES will be provided for dog exhibitors who hold and display a government issued disabled parking permit. Cars with no permit displayed and parked in the disabled parking area are liable to be towed away under the provisions of the By-Laws of RNCAS.

## JUDGING DETAILS

All group winners and class in group winners in the Royal Show are **required to attend** on **Sunday 22 February 2026** for **General Specials**.

Judging at this show will proceed in the normal dog show group format. Consideration will be made for each of the group shows. If you have any questions, please contact the Dog Team Steward between 9 am and 9 pm on 0402 847 687 or 0413 131 817

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Podium photographs will be taken after judging within the Ingrid Matschke Photography marquee. Exhibitors will be able to purchase official photographs from Ingrid Matschke Photography.

## FIRST AID

First Aid facilities will be available through the dog section show office.



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## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Exhibitors are reminded that they should not leave their personal belongings unattended. Personal items brought onto the showgrounds are the responsibility of the exhibitor and no liability for loss or damage will be accepted by the RNCAS or associated dog section team.

Any lost property not collected will be donated to charity.

## WELFARE

The RNCAS is concerned about the health and welfare of all animals exhibited.

February in the ACT can be quite hot and exhibitors should be mindful of their dogs and the heat. Water should always be available for them to drink. Shelter from the heat should be provided for yourselves and your dogs. Fans can be brought with you to aid with cooling and ensure the comfort of your dog. If you are concerned about your dog and you require a veterinarian, please contact the dog section office who will contact one for you.

Weather forecasts for Canberra are available on the [Bureau of Meteorology website](#). Ensure that you come prepared for yourself and your canine friends with plenty of water, shade and wet weather gear in the event of rain.

Under **NO** circumstances should dogs be left unattended in vehicles. Dogs found to be left in vehicles or trailers without water will be reported to authorities and appropriate measures will be taken.

## JUNIOR HANDLERS

An open junior handler competition will be held at **8:00 am** on Saturday and Sunday as per schedule.

## CAMPING

Camping will only be permitted in the designated camping grounds as determined by the RNCAS administration. Powered and unpowered sites are available and can be booked by emailing [admin@rncas.org.au](mailto:admin@rncas.org.au)

