



**ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show 2008
Flyball, Obedience and Agility at the Royal Canberra Show 2008**

2008 has provided the competition dog world with a rare and valuable opportunity as we are the main entertainment for the Royal Canberra Show. This is due to the very sad situation affecting the horse fraternity with Equine Influenza.

Entry:

Entry to the parking area for these events will be by Gate 1 which is accessed off Flemington road. Parking will be provided at the horse stable area.

Early bird access:

If you arrive early, you will be permitted to drive onto the main arena (stay on the Track), drive in an ANTI-CLOCKWISE direction (toward the grandstand), unload your equipment at the appropriate place, and return your vehicle to the parking area before setting up equipment.

All competitors' vehicles must be clear of the arena by 7.30 am.

No vehicular access to the arena will be permitted after 7.30 am.

Obedience will operate in the Friday morning, followed by dog activities during the afternoon.

Saturday will see the Agility and Jumping events culminating in the 'Top Dog Shootout'.

Sunday will see Games and the Open competitions.

Flyball will be operating for the three days of the show.

Other Arena Activities:

All activities using the main arena are controlled by the ringmaster who controls a series of events which are time based. All activities are required to co-operate with the other events to ensure a minimum of concern and a maximum of spectator appeal. Dog have been granted – as much as possible – main event status during the day, however other activities will be conducted during the day.

Grand Parade:

Traditionally, there will be a grand parade on;

Saturday at 4pm and

Sunday at 2.30pm.

During this time all dogs are required to be removed from the main arena and to be located in the area near the parking for dogs (ie. The horse area). This is a treed area with shade. We expect this time to be no more than 30 minutes. People can be staying on the arena.

Removing the dogs from the arena is due to a risk of dogs disturbing the cattle and other animals and creating dangerous situations. Please start making your way off the arena with dogs in time to be clear of the arena by 4pm.

Clearance of the arena:

The evening arena events start sharply at 6pm and all day activities and equipment is to be cleared before this time.

All daytime arena activities must be completed by 5pm and must be clear of the Arena before 6pm. This means that all shades, cages, chairs and other equipment will need to be removed. To assist in this clearance we hope to provide a vehicle to assist in carting equipment from the arena to the car parking area near the horse stables where they can be collected by their owners.

Presentations of the Saturday's events will be performed in front of the grandstand between 5 and 6 pm.

Similar actions will be undertaken for the 2.30 pm Grand parade on Sunday.

We trust that you will enjoy your highlighted opportunity in the main arena and look forward to excellent competition and enjoyment by all.

Regards

Reg Dwyer
Chief Steward Dog Section.