



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS DURING COVID-19 DISRUPTION

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Below is the latest information about Club arrangements during the ongoing COVID-19 disruption. Read it to stay informed and keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for further updates. Remember, you can access the Facebook page from our [website](#) and do not need to be a registered user to see our latest posts. You can also link directly at <https://www.facebook.com/ACTCompaniondogclub/>.

When will classes resume at the Club?

The ACT Government's [Pathway Forward](#) allows organised training classes to resume from 29 October.

How will I know what class I am in and when it is scheduled?

Club members in all Club activities whose training was affected by the lockdown on 12 August will be contacted by Club officials before 29 October with advice about the resumption of training. This will include members participating in Behaviour Training, Agility, Dances with Dogs/Trick Dog, Flyball, Obedience Trialling and Rally classes.

Please keep an eye out for an email from the Club and promptly reply to the email if requested. This will enable us to finalise class arrangements.

Please note that class times may vary from your pre-lockdown class times due to instructor availability and daylight saving factors. Class [timetables](#) will be updated on the website as soon as classes are finalised.

The Club's Tracking activities for the year have ended with the onset of the warmer weather.

What COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place when classes resume?

The Club's [COVID-19 Safety Plan: Stage 6](#) sets out the protocols that all Club members are required to follow when classes and other activities resume. Please read the document and familiarise yourself with the protocols relating to your class participation.

The following key protocols apply to all members:

- Check-in to the Club using the 'Check-In' CBR app (see below)
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5m where not from the same household
- Wear a mask indoors (ie Clubhouse, Equipment Shed, Shipping Containers, Agility Shed, Queanbeyan Pavilion). You are expected to supply your own mask.
- Do not congregate around gates, fences and doors
- Avoid physical contact with other Club members
- Restrict unnecessary handling of other people's dogs
- Leave the grounds promptly after classes
- Stay at home if you are sick or have symptoms

We ask you to check-in when you get to your class (the QR code will be available) and NOT at the entry gates to avoid congestion at these points. Alternatively, check-in before you get out of your car. You can do this by setting the Club as a frequent location on your Check-in CBR app and clicking on the small clock icon in the top right corner of your screen. You can also check-in using the Club's 6-digit code (936443) without needing to scan the QR code.

If you do not have the Check-in CBR app ask another class member or your instructor to check you in using their CBR app when you get to class. If you cannot be checked-in by your instructor or another member of your class then your instructor will annotate their paper attendance register.

Your instructor will also remind you of these and other protocols and notices will be posted on the Club grounds, on Facebook and on the website.

I live across the border in NSW – can I attend classes?

Members and instructors must adhere to the ACT and NSW government's travel restrictions at any given time. Please regularly monitor the [ACT Government's COVID-19 website](#) and the [NSW Government's COVID-19 website](#) for current arrangements.

I am a current financial member but had deferred my training in Term 3/Agility Session 4 and was not attending classes when lockdown occurred. Can I restart classes after 29 October?

This will depend on the availability of instructors and class numbers. Please email the Club office (contact@actcdc.org.au) to be put in touch with the relevant Sub-committee convenor.

Will the Club extend my membership due to the suspension of classes during the lockdown?

Yes. Club members whose training was affected by the suspension of classes will receive an extension of three months to their membership. Membership renewals will be adjusted accordingly.

I am NOT a member of the Club but want to join and start classes. When will bookings open?

At this stage the Club will NOT be taking any new bookings until the New Year as it needs to catch-up and provide training services to current members whose training was put on hold due to the lockdown.

The Club will post an announcement on its Facebook page and on the rolling news banner on its website when it can take new bookings. Please follow-us on [Facebook](#) to monitor announcements. This is not likely to occur until mid-January 2022. No wait-list for classes will be taken before bookings open.

Can you recommend some reliable sources of information to help me raise and train my dog?

Yes. Please read our [Training Tips](#) article '[Know better – do better](#)' on the website.

Are Dogs-As-Therapy activities resuming?

The Club's Dogs-as-Therapy program will resume once aged-care residences increase their leisure activities and allow visits by volunteers. The Club's Dogs-As-Therapy co-ordinator will continue to monitor the access arrangements with each facility that the Club visits.

Can I come to the grounds to informally train or exercise my dog outside class times?

Access to the Club grounds is limited to current financial members who are regularly participating in classes. The grounds will re-open on Friday 15 October.

In accordance with the Club's *COVID-19 Safety Plan* members must:

- 'check-in' using the Check-in CBR app whenever you come on to the grounds.
- wear a face mask except when alone or only with members of the same household when no other people are present. NOTE: This requirement applies until 29 October under current ACT Government public health directions.
- maintain a physical distance of 1.5m (one person per 4 square metres) with no congregation of persons around gates, fences and doors.
- adhere to all Club requirements under the [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#), [Club Rules](#), notices on paddock gates and '[Using the Club Grounds](#)' protocols (except where the latter are superseded by the Plan and/or gate notices).

Please note:

- No off-leash exercise is permitted in any paddocks 30 minutes before, during or 30 minutes after Behaviour Training class times (excluding instructors).
- The grounds will be closed to members when trials are scheduled (see below).

Is the Club Office open?

The Club's Office will re-open on Tuesday 19 October. From this date revised office hours will be from 12 noon to 2.00pm Tuesday-Friday (and during Behaviour Training class times on Wednesdays).

Where possible please contact the Office via email rather than face-to-face or phone.

Face masks must be worn in the Clubhouse including the Office. Members are expected to supply their own face mask.

When will dog sport trials and related events resume?

Club trials and other events resume from Friday 29th October. Please consult the [calendar](#) on the Club's website for details of events.

Under the Club's [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) only participants involved in trials will be able to access the grounds when trials are scheduled.

Is the Club Shop open?

The Club's Shop will re-open when Behaviour Training classes resume from Sunday 31st October. Please note that face masks must be worn in the Clubhouse including when visiting the Shop. Members are expected to supply their own face mask.

The Shop will not be open during trials and other events between now and 31 December 2021.

How can I keep up-to-date with any changes to all these arrangements?

Please keep an eye on our [public Facebook page](#) and on the Club's [website](#) for further updates including any changes to the above arrangements. Check the [Calendar](#) for the status of scheduled events.

If you have any queries, please email the Club Office on contact@actcdc.org.au.

We look forward to seeing you and your dogs back at the Club.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

On behalf of the Main Committee and Sub-Committees of the
ACT Companion Dog Club
