



# THE CAIRN ECHO

Cairn Terrier Club of NSW Newsletter

August 2021

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## Words from the Secretary

Well it certainly has been a crazy 12 months or more. The club held its AGM online for the first time and due to COVID a bit later than usual. The result, a new committee was elected. There are many new faces on the committee which is great to see and a couple of old ones! We will work together to keep our club moving forward. I would like to thank Ginnette Loft and the outgoing committee for their contribution to the club over the last 12 months or more.

Well what does the future look like? COVID is keeping everything very fluid at the moment. Brisbane and Melbourne Royals have been cancelled for the second year in a row. Canberra and Sydney Royals went ahead in a modified form and were lucky to be in a lull of the COVID infections. The club show this year is still on track to happen. This year's show is in memory of Robert Bartram who was a club life member and stalwart of the breed here. The schedule is in this Echo so please mark the date in your calendar and come and help us celebrate Robert's love for Cairn terriers and his contribution to the breed in Australia.

## Club Membership

Our clubs aim is to promote our breed and assist members with the care and well being of the breed be pets or show dogs. It is your support through continuing membership that enables the club to provide this service. So that time has come to renew your membership.

Club fees are still unchanged and are as follows

Single Membership	\$15.00
Duel Membership	\$20.00
Junior Membership	\$5.00 (where one parent is a financial member)

Payment options are:

Direct Deposit: Cairn Terrier Club of NSW BSB: 032 724 Account No: 209906

Or

Cheque to: Cairn Terrier Club of NSW Kathryn Smith 13 Mulga St Captains Flat 2623

Thank you in advance for renewing your membership.



# Robert Bartram Memorial Championship show

The Robert Bartram Memorial Show will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Queanbeyan Show Grounds.

With the continuing rising covid infections there is a strong possibility that the show will need to be postponed. Kathryn is looking at getting approval for 2 shows next year, one in March and the other in October. We will keep you informed.

Cairn Terrier Club of NSW

## Robert Bartram Memorial Championship Show

**\*Monday 4 th October 2021\***

**Queanbeyan Showground Glebe Ave Queanbeyan NSW**

**Classes to be judged:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12\*, 13\* & 18 (dogs & bitches)

**Sweepstakes Classes:** 3-6 months, 6-12 months, Limit\*\*,

**Neuter & Veteran:**

**Property Classes:** Best Gait, Best Head and Best Coat.

\* must be eligible to compete for Challenge

\*\*Dogs over twelve months of age which are not Champions, or have not gained sufficient points to qualify as a Champion up to and including the day before the date of entry close.

**Breed Judge: Mr N Jennings (ACT)**

**Sweepstakes & Property Classes: Ms J Buckley (ACT)**

**Dogs NSW Representative:** Mr K Chamberlain

**Entry Fees:** Members \$18 per entry Non Members \$22 per entry Sweepstakes & Property Classes \$3 per entry

**Catalogues:** \$5 ea (none available for purchase on the day)

**Lunch:** \$15 per person to be included with entry fees.

**Payment:** Cheque, Money Order or online through Ozentries.

**Order of judging:** Sweepstakes & Property classes followed by Breed classes. Judging Commences at 0900 am with Sweepstakes and Property Classes

**Entries to:** Debbie Meagher, PO Box 9237 Wye NSW 2259 Cheques made payable to: Cairn Terrier Club of NSW

**Enquiries:** Kathryn Smith Ph 0414 322 905 Email: [duncairnterriers@gmail.com](mailto:duncairnterriers@gmail.com)

**Entries Close: 22ND Sept 2021 (NO late entries accepted)**

**Prizes:** Best in Show, RU Best in Show, Class in Show: Perpetual Trophy, Rosette & Trophy Sweepstakes and Property Classes: Sash and Trophy

**Raffle** – \$1 ea or 3 for \$5. Tickets available on the day or email [duncairnterriers@gmail.com](mailto:duncairnterriers@gmail.com).

**Come and help us celebrate Robert's contribution to Cairns!**

With the recent mouse plague in NSW the following article might be of interest to you and the health of your cairn

# Leptospirosis

Recently there have been a few outbreaks in NSW so it might be a good idea to know a little more about this disease.

## What is Leptospirosis

It is a bacteria most commonly found in mice, rats, cattle, pigs and dogs. It is spread by contact with water and soil contaminated by the urine of the infected animal. There are many strains of this bacteria and it can live for several weeks and sometimes months in moist conditions.

It can be transmitted from animal to humans but generally does not from person to person.

It is a reportable disease.

Why is my dog at risk of catching Leptospirosis?

With the recent mouse plague there is a greater risk of infected mice contaminating the soil and or water sources which your dog may have access to.

## Symptoms

Early signs of Leptospirosis are fever, shivering and a reluctance to move this then progress onto lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting and increased thirst and urination. Dogs may develop jaundice

## Infectious Period

This can range from 2 to 30 days with the average being around 10 days

## Treatment

A course of antibiotics and needs to be started as early as possible to avoid serious long term damage to the liver and kidneys.

## Preventative Measures

Best protection if you are in an area that has been impacted by rats and mice is vaccination  
Reduce your dog's exposure to stagnant water such as ponds and puddles as well as muddy areas. The bacteria are killed by drying of muddy areas, use of detergents and disinfectants.



# What you should know about rat bait poisonings

This is another issue that has come to the forefront with the mouse plague that has reeked havoc along the east coast.

The most prevalent bait in Australia are anticoagulants which prevent the blood from clotting.

Rat/mouse bait is a silent killer as it can take 3-5 days before you see any visible symptoms that your dog has eaten rat bait.

## Secondary Poisoning

The risk of a dog being poisoned by eating a rodent that has ingested rat bait is low, but if they eat more than poisoning may occur, it is also dependant on the active ingredient in the rat bait used. Err on the side of caution and contact your vet immediately.

## Symptoms

Symptoms can vary dramatically and may include bleeding from the gums, blood in their fecies, blood in their urine, weakness, coughing, shortness of breath and possibly seizures.

## Treatment

Call your vet immediately, even if you do not see any symptoms, give them the following information

- The type and size of your dog

- The time the dog ate the rat bait

- The brand of rate bate

- The active ingredient and its concentration

- Package size

- How much of the package was eaten

Remove any uneaten bait from the dogs mouth.

Gently wipe or rinse the mouth with water.

Take to the vet immediately

Your vet will most like administer a course of vitamin K1 over 30 days. It takes 24 hours before vitamin K1 starts to take effect

## Prognosis

The out-come is dependent on the amount and type of rat bait ingested and the time to get veterinary assistance. Early treatment the prognosis is usually fairly good but if bleeding has started then the outcome is no so good.

## Prevention

Keep all poisons well out of your dogs reach.

If you put bait out make sure that it is in a container that your dog cannot get assess to.

Pick up and dispose of any dead mice/rats and dispose of them to avoid secondary poisonings.

## Activities our members are participating in with their Cairns

Thought members would like to know what other activities club members are participating in with their Cairn, so each quarter we will highlight an activity.

We would like to hear from you as to other activities you might be doing with your cairns, send us some photos and a description of the activity.

### LURE COURSING by Lauren Ross

Lure coursing is sport for dogs that involves chasing a mechanically operated lure.

Competitions are typically limited to sight hounds although the ANKC has a pass/ fail trial for all breeds called the coursing ability test which is what I do with my cairn terriers.

I started this as a change for my dogs from conformation showing. My biggest concern was the lack of recall my dogs have but the trials are in a completely enclosed area which is great, the fun is catching them after they complete the lure as they still want to chase and it's a game to them. Well my guys think it's a game.

The run is done with all other dogs being crated and away from the course.

They are set up and released when Tally Ho is called. The dog is judged on time and style.

I started by entering a come a try day which is endorsed by the lure coursing association of the state. This allows the dog to either run or not, with no pressure whilst getting instructions from people who know what they are doing and they are happy to help promote the sport and you the handlers and dogs to enjoy the day.

To compete in a lure coursing competition, you and the dog will need to be members of a state body like Dogs NSW. I find it is an enjoyable day and my dogs love it to the point of whinging when they hear the lure run. It is worth a try if you are interested and open to all dogs over the age of 6 months old.

