Dogs Victoria

Conformation Judges

Training Program

2027

Trainee Handbook

This manual has been developed to assist you in navigating your conformation judging training journey. It provides guidance and information to support you throughout the training process and should be read in conjunction with all relevant Dogs Victoria and Dogs Australia regulations, policies and procedures

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Introduction

Conformation judging requires sound knowledge, practical expertise, and the ability to make clear, consistent and timely decisions. The role carries significant responsibility, and judges must be able to assess dogs objectively against the relevant breed standards while demonstrating sound judgement and confidence in their decisions.

Successful judges recognise that judging is an ongoing learning process. They should be willing to listen to others, consider and respond constructively to feedback, recognise their own strengths and areas for development, and respect the diversity of dogs, breeds and exhibitors encountered within the sport.

The Conformation Judges Training Program has been developed to support Dogs Victoria members in their progression towards becoming Championship Show Judges. The Program provides a structured pathway, commencing at the Aspiring Judge level and progressing to the Championship Judge stage.

The Program is voluntary, competency-based, flexible and primarily self-directed. It recognises that participants have different levels of experience, knowledge and access to learning opportunities. Participants are therefore encouraged to take responsibility for their own development and to actively seek opportunities to broaden their knowledge and practical experience.

A range of educational and practical learning opportunities is available throughout the Program. These include breed lectures, field events, mentoring and practical judging experience. Participants are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities to develop their understanding of breed standards, breed type, canine structure and movement, ring procedure, judging principles and the practical application of their knowledge.

The Program is designed to progressively develop the knowledge, skills, judgement and confidence required to undertake the responsibilities of a Championship Show Judge. Progression through the Program is based on demonstrated competency and the successful completion of the relevant assessment requirements.

Confidentiality

All information relating to the assessment, performance or suitability of dogs, including any observations or comments regarding their merits or shortcomings, is to be treated as strictly confidential. Such information must remain within the Conformation Judges Training Program and must not be disclosed or discussed outside the Program without appropriate authorisation.

All Conformation Trainee Judges are required to sign and comply with the Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of participation in the Judges Training Scheme. Failure to sign the Agreement will result in the Trainee Judge being removed from the Scheme.

Any breach of these confidentiality requirements may be referred to Dogs Victoria Compliance for consideration and any further action considered appropriate.

Method of Education

Trainees will participate in a program to develop sound knowledge of relevant breeds by engaging in a variety of educational and practical activities, including:

- **Studying:**
  - Breed standards
  - Dogs Australia Glossary of Canine Terms
  - Other relevant literature

- **Research:**
  - Investigate specific breeds

- **Attendance:**
  - Lectures and seminars
  - Field events organized by the CJC (Canine Judges Committee)

- **Practical Experience:**
  - Write critiques
  - Visit kennels
  - Interact with breeders and exhibitors
  - Attend group and breed championship shows
  - Stewarding at events

These experiences help trainees gain broad and practical breed knowledge. Training is based on competency-based principles, with guidance from mentors and accredited assessors.

Dogs Victoria Judges Training Program Structure

Aspirant Level (Year 1)

- Lecture Program: One year
- Theory Exams: 2 total
- Must achieve 75% on each exam
- Any score below 75% constitutes a fail, requiring both exams to be repeated.
  - Repeating the exams requires enrolment in a new training programme.
- Practical Exam: Required

Trainee Level (Years 2 & 3)

- Lecture Program: Two years
- Subgroup Theory Exams: 4 total
- Must achieve an average of 75% over the 4 exams
- Any score below 75% constitutes a fail, requiring all four exams to be repeated.
  - Repeating the exams requires enrolment in a new two-year training programme.
- Practical Exam: Required

Responsibilities of Aspiring and Trainee Judges

1. **Acquire and share knowledge** – through reading, research, observation, questioning, discussion and debate.
2. **Participate** – attend lectures, seminars and dog shows.
3. **Be active** – practice judging, write critiques, seek out opinions and information about breeds, observe judging and exhibits at shows, read extensively, engage in discussions, listen attentively, and both provide and accept constructive feedback.
4. **Be a role model** – act with respect and in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and in all situations.
5. **Maintain decorum** – always conduct yourself in a respectful and professional manner.
6. **Protect confidentiality** – any information regarding the merits (or otherwise) of dogs must remain strictly within the Program.
7. **Adhere to conduct requirements** – any breach of conduct will be referred to the CJC and/or Management Committee for investigation and possible disciplinary action

Links to Trainee Information and Forms

Aspirants and trainees are encouraged to check these pages regularly, as rules and regulations are subject to ongoing review and updates.

DOGS AUSTRALIA LINKS:

- Dogs Australia Breed Standards
- Dogs Australia Glossary of Canine Terms
- Dogs Australia Regulations Part 2 Judges
- Dogs Australia Regulation Part 3 Judges Training & Examination Scheme
- Dogs Australia Regulation Part 5 Conformation Show
- Ramped breeds
- Dogs Australia National Judge's Code of Practice
- Dogs Australia Judges Guidelines

DOGS VICTORIA LINKS

- Dogs Victoria.org.au
- VCA Rules & Regulations
- Lecture Dates
- Important Dates
- Code of Conduct for Members social media
- Conformation Trainee Judges Program
- Stewarding Record Card
- Trainee Judging Record
- Intensive Critique & Accredited Assessor Observation Form
- Dogs Victoria Accredited Assessors

Dogs Australia National Judge's Code of Practice

Dogs Australia National Judge's Code of Practice Link

1. A Judge shall always act with professional decorum.

2. A Judge shall give every exhibit and exhibitor fair and equal opportunity in each and every class.

3. A Judge shall act in a polite manner whilst carrying out each judging assignment.

4. A Judge shall present himself/herself in attire that is acceptable, appropriate, and comfortable for each judging assignment. Footwear appropriate to the discipline shall be worn.

5. A Judge is required to be punctual in availability to fulfil their judging assignment.

6. If in the judging procedures an exhibit displays an obvious physical impediment or is unable to be handled or can be regarded as savage or vicious the exhibit should be excused from the competition, in accordance with the Dogs Australia Member Body rules/regulations.

7. A Judge shall not enter or exhibit any dog at any Conformation Show at which he or she is appointed to judge.

8. Should an exhibitor offer information to the Judge that may be regarded as designed to influence the Judge, the Judge shall excuse the exhibitor and their exhibit from competition and report the incident in accordance with the Dogs Australia Member Body rules/regulations.

9. Should a Judge be approached to favour or disfavour a particular exhibit the matter is to be reported to the Administrator of the Dogs Australia Member Body.

10. Should a Judge be approached with an inducement and/or bribe to advantage or disadvantage an exhibit the Judge is to report the matter in writing to the Administrator of the Dogs Australia Member Body.

11. A Judge shall not solicit a judging appointment.

12. A Judge shall not solicit or seek entry of any particular dog or dogs.

13. A Judge shall not allow entries for a Conformation Show at which that person is

judging to be received at the Judge's address.

14. A Judge shall complete all the requirements of the judging contract promptly. Any verbal acceptance of an assignment by a Judge shall be subject to the receipt of the contract within fourteen (14) days.

15. At the time of completing a contract the Judge shall inform the inviting body of any disability or limitation that could restrict carrying out in full the reasonable handling of all exhibits to be judged.

16. A Judge must not duplicate assignments in the same breeds and or group within a minimum of 3 months of each other and within a minimum of 200 kilometres at Championship Shows. Note: This will not apply to Neuter only shows.

17. A Judge shall honour each contract and will not be free to accept an alternative contract that will affect his or her availability to fulfil the original contract except with the written dispensation of the contracting Club.

18. Accommodation provided to the Judge to fulfil an assignment is for the Judge only except where prior mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body for variation.

19. A Judge shall be responsible for the cost of all personal telephone calls, alcoholic beverages and any personal laundering except where mutual agreement has been reached with the sponsoring body at the time the contract is accepted.

20. A Judge who withdraws from any contracted appointment for any reason shall not be permitted to judge at any other canine event wherever held on any date that would prevent him/her from attending the originally contracted event, unless dispensation has been granted in accordance with Clause 17.

21. Judges must not smoke nor drink alcohol in the ring.

22. At an exhibition, an officiating Judge shall not use electronic devices whilst carrying out judging appointment in the ring unless confirming a breed standard or when critiquing. Electronic devices must not be used for communication purposes while judging

23. Judges shall not criticise by act or word the work of other judges, nor offer criticism of any previously judged dog(s) to anyone including other officiating judges during the course of the show. Except for authorised ringside mentoring.

24. All judges must judge exhibits in accordance with their relevant Dogs Australia breed standard.

Aspiring Program

Requirements:

- Attendance at all lectures and both hands-on events is **compulsory**.

Modules:

1. Introduction, Interpreting Standards and Study Techniques
2. Critiquing and Glossary of Terms
3. Canine Anatomy
4. Gait and Movement
5. Ethics and Responsibilities / Rules and Regulations
6. Ringcraft Theory
7. Ringcraft Practical & Hands On (two sessions)

Theory Examinations:

- **Theory Exam – July**
    - Content: Rules and Regulations, Anatomy, Glossary of Terms
    - Pass Mark: 75%
    - Content: Aspirant's nominated group
    - Pass Mark: 75%

Assessment:

- **Practical Assessment –**
    - Requirement: Complete and pass

Outcome:

- Upon passing the Practical Examination, the aspirant shall be listed as a **Dogs Australia Open Show Judge** for that breed or group.
- Participants are **eligible to apply** for the Trainee Program**,** either group or single breed
- Should an aspirant not achieve a pass result, the Aspirant will have to re-sit the complete aspirant course

Trainee Group Program

- A Trainee Judge may enrol in only one Group at a time and must remain enrolled in that Group until it has been successfully completed.

- A Trainee Judge must sit the Theory Examination within 3 years. They must also pass within five (5) attempts. If either of the previous criteria is not met or achieved, then they may not re-sit that examination for a period of two (2) years.

- Trainees should note the new Dogs Australia requirement stating that theory components are valid for only five years from the date all four subgroup theories have been completed.

- Trainees who are unable to sit their scheduled theory examination due to illness or work commitments must notify the CJC Chair as soon as possible. Any approved deferral must be completed within a maximum of two weeks from the original examination date.

- Group Leaders will schedule Field Days or Field Nights each year. Attendance at one of these events will be compulsory, and trainees are encouraged to participate in all scheduled field activities.

- A trainee who is unsuccessful in their Practical Exam must attend a minimum of 75% of lectures in the year they wish to apply for a Practical Exam.

- A trainee who has previously passed their theory, and wishes to apply for a Practical Exam, must attend 75% of the lectures in the year they wish to apply for a Practical Exam

- A trainee who is unable to attend a lecture must complete the following to obtain credit for the breed(s) covered that night:

    a) Contact the Group Leader and the Group Leader will supply two or more photos of a dog and bitch for each breed

    b) For each breed missed, a 1000-word essay be completed consisting of history, form and function of the breed, critique of the dog and bitch and reasoning for Best of Breed. This will be done via a proforma found on the Dogs Victoria CJC site

    c) This essay proforma(s) must be sent to the Chair, the Group Leader and to the DV Office within 14 days of the lecture.

Trainee Group Program Modules

Year 1

- Subgroup 1: Breed lectures and field day
- Submit an application form
- Sit Theory Exam
- Subgroup 2: Breed lectures and field day
- Submit an application form
- Sit Theory Exam

Year 2

- Subgroup 3: Breed lectures and field day
- Submit an application form
- Sit Theory Exam
- Subgroup 4: Breed lectures and field day
- Submit an application form
- Sit Theory Exam

Practical Assessment –

- **Requirement:**
  - Have submitted an application form
  - Complete and pass (see Practical Examination Process on below)

Outcome

- Upon successful completion, participant will be licensed as a **Dogs Australia Championship Judge** for that group and is eligible to apply for another group

- Should a trainee not achieve a pass result in a practical examination, to qualify to take a further group practical examination a trainee judge must:
  - Judge an additional 25 dogs
  - Examine and critique an additional seven dogs' intensive critiques
  - Must attend 75% of the lectures in the year they wish to apply for a Practical Exam
  - Attend compulsory field events

Practical Examination Process

Practical Examination Qualification Requirements

To qualify to sit for a Practical Examination, a Trainee Judge must:

- Attend **all lectures and field events**.
- Obtain a **75% aggregate pass** across the four (4) Subgroups.
- Judge a minimum of **50 dogs** and complete at least **15 intensive critiques**.
- Only **one (1) Practical Examination** may be attempted per calendar year.

Examination Structure

No person shall make any photographic or video record of any part of a Practical Examination

The Practical Examination shall be conducted as follows:

- **Classes:**
  - Two (2) classes, each of a different breed, consisting of five (5) dogs over six (6) months of age.
  - One (1) mixed class of five (5) different breeds (over six (6) months), excluding the two previously used breeds (including varieties of).
- **Assessors:**
  - Three (3) Assessors will be appointed as a Panel for the Practical Examination.
- **Time Allocation:**
  - Trainee Judges are to be encouraged not to spend more than two (2) minutes on each dog. (Max 15 mins to assess and place each class)
- **Placings:**
  - For breed and group classes, the Trainee Judge must place the exhibits in order of merit, record the placings, and answer questions on the class.
  - Exact agreement of placings with Assessors is **not required**, but Assessors will consider:
    - The reasoning given.
    - Whether the better dogs are placed at the front of the class and the poorer dogs at the back.
- **Assessment:**
  - Each Assessor must make their own **independent assessment** of Pass or Fail.

Pass Criteria

- To achieve an overall pass:
  - The Trainee Judge must be passed in **all classes** by at least 2 of the 3 assessors

Intensive Critiques

- All intensive critiques require the physical examination by the trainee in the presence of a licenced Dogs Australia Accredited Assessor, who is not a trainee judge currently enrolled in the scheme.

- The intensive critique form MUST be completed, discussed, and countersigned by the trainee and licenced Dogs Australia Accredited Assessor on the day.

- A Dogs Australia Accredited Assessor can only sign a maximum of three intensive critiques.

- Approved Distance Trainees must complete the minimum 15 intensive critiques plus essays.

Speciality Intensive Critiques

- Trainee judges are to attend a minimum of one breed, multi breed or group specialty show, for their group within the duration of the scheme.

- Complete a minimum of one written intensive critique at such “specialty show” as a part of the required 15 intensive critiques

Please Note

- One critique per breed, this does not include varieties of breeds E.g. poodles, schnauzers

- All exhibits must be at least six months of age or over

- Only the official Intensive Critique Form on the DV website is to be used

Procedure for Conducting Trainee Classes / Sweepstakes at Shows

- To be credited for the required **50 dogs judged**:
    - There must be **only one (1) Trainee Judge in the ring**.
    - All exhibits do not have to be physically placed. However, placements must be **discussed and signed off** by an **Accredited Assessor only**.
    - All exhibits must be at least six months of age or over

- Each Trainee Sweepstakes Class must have a **minimum of five (5) dogs and a maximum of ten (10) dogs**.

- The Trainee Judge must maintain a **written record** of:
    - Date of the fixture
    - Number of dogs and breeds judged
    - The Trainee Judge's Judging Record Card/Sheet must be signed by an Accredited Assessor after a discussion of the dogs judged and confirmation of the numbers and breeds on the day
    - Sign off by a Show Official is not permitted.

- **Prior approval** must be obtained from the Affiliate conducting the Show before scheduling any Trainee Sweepstakes Class.

Single Breed Training Program

Application Requirements
To enrol in the Single Breed Training Program an Aspiring Judge must:

- Successfully complete the Aspirants program
- Submit a minimum 1,000-word illustrated essay on the relevant breed.

    - The essay must include:
        - A history and description of the breed
        - The breed's purpose
        - All relevant requirements contained in the Breed Standard
    - The essay will be subject to approval by the CJC as conforming with these conditions and demonstrating the required level of competency.
    - The applicant must also attend the breed lecture offered in the Training Program at the time of applying for the Theory Examination.
    - Where conducted (and at the discretion of the Member Body), the applicant must attend:
        - The breed club's Open and Championship Shows
        - The group club's Open and Championship Shows
        - The breed judging at an approved major show (e.g., Royal Show or the major Non-Royal Show in each State).

To qualify for a Single Breed Theory Examination, the Trainee Judge must:

- Have met the requirements above and
- Have submitted an application form.

To qualify for a Single Breed Practical Examination, the Trainee Judge must:

- Have attained a pass in the Single Breed Theory Examination, and
- Have submitted an application form.

Practical Examination Requirements
Single Breed Practical Examination shall consist of:

- One (1) class of a minimum of five (5) dogs over the age of six (6) months, and
- One (1) class of a minimum of five (5) bitches over the age of six (6) months.

The Trainee Judge will be required to:

- Place the classes, and
- Select **Best of Breed** and **Runner Up to Best of Breed**.

The Trainee Judge must not be examined on dogs they own or co-own.

Appointment as Judge
Upon passing the Single Breed Practical Examination, the Trainee Judge shall be listed as a **Dogs Australia Championship Show Judge** for that breed.

2027 Important Dates

Applications For 2027 Program Close:	**Monday 4th January 2027**
Application Subgroup Three Theory Exam:	**Open 12th March – Close 22nd March**
Subgroup Three Theory Exam:	**Thursday 14th April**
Application Subgroup Four Theory Exam:	**Open 4th June – Close 15th June**
Subgroup Four Theory Exam:	**Wednesday 23rd June**
Application Aspirants Theory Exam:	**Open 5th June – Close 15th June**
Aspirants Theory Exam:	**Wednesday 23rd June**
Application Practical Exam	**Open 28th June – Close 12th July**
Last day for Application Form, Critiques and dogs judged to Group Leaders for checking and signing.	**5th July (Any paperwork received after this date will not be signed)**
Trainee Practical Exam:	**16th – 22nd August**
Aspirants Practical:	**TBA**

Please Note:

Applications for the practical examination must be submitted to the relevant Group Leader for verification **at least one week prior to the published closing date**.

Applications that have not been verified by the Group Leader within this timeframe will not be signed off.

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Breed Lecture Protocols

- Lecture start times are set by the group leader
- Students arriving late will **not receive credit for attendance**.
- A Trainee Judge must be present at and participate in the entire lecture, either online or face to face to be credited with attendance.
- Trainee Judges must only attend one lecture per night.
- Students participating online must remain visible to the group leader for the entire lecture to be accredited with attendance.
- Students participating online must be free from distractions
- **Recording of lectures is strictly prohibited.**
- Both trainees and group leaders must maintain **Attendance Records** for cross-checking in the event of a dispute.
- Comments made during the lecture by group leaders or trainees are **confidential** and must not be disclosed outside the session.
- **Electronic devices** may only be used for participation in the Zoom lecture.

2027 Dates Aspirants

Group Leader: Lisa Woolley

All lectures begin at 7.00pm

Monday 8th February	Introduction, Interpreting Standards and Study Techniques
Monday 15th February	Critiquing and Glossary of Terms
Monday 22nd February	Canine Anatomy
Monday 1st March	Gait and Movement
Monday 15th March	Ethics and Responsibilities/Rules & Regs
Monday 22nd March	Ringcraft Theory
Monday 10th May	Ringcraft Practical & Hands on (Bulla Exhibition Centre)
Monday 17th May	Ringcraft Practical & Hands On (Bulla Exhibition Centre)

2027 Dates Group 1 Toys

Group Leader: Jacqui Weekes

All lectures begin at 7.00pm

Subgroup Three:

Monday 18th January	Introduction at Bulla starting at 7.30pm
Wednesday 27th January	Cav. King Charles & King Charles Spaniels
Thursday 4th February	Papillon
Wednesday 10th February	Japanese Chin
Wednesday 17th February	Pug
Thursday 25th February	Affenpinscher
Wednesday 3rd March	Griffon Bruxellois
Wednesday 7th April	Revision Subgroup 3
Sunday 11th April	Field Day at Greensborough & Dist. KC Show

Subgroup Four:

Wednesday 21st April	Australian Silky Terrier
Wednesday 28th April	Yorkshire & Biewer Terriers
Wednesday 5th May	Pomeranian
Wednesday 12th May	Pekingese
Tuesday 18th May	Tibetan Spaniel
Saturday 12th June	Field Day Toy Dog Club at Bulla
Wednesday 16th June	Revision Subgroup 4
Wednesday 11th August	Final Revision

2027 Dates Group 2 Terriers

Group Leader: Glenys Alexander

All lectures begin at 7.30pm

Subgroup Three:

Wednesday 27th January	Introduction to Trainee Judges Program and Terriers Subgroup 3
Wednesday 3rd February	Australian Terrier
Wednesday 10th February	Cairn Terrier
Wednesday 17th February	West Highland White Terrier
Wednesday 24th February	Scottish Terrier
Wednesday 3rd March	Sealyham Terrier and Skye Terrier
Wednesday 10th March	Norfolk Terrier and Norwich Terrier
Wednesday 17th March	Revision Night

Subgroup Four:

Wednesday 5th May	Bedlington Terrier
Wednesday 12th May	Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Thursday 20th May	Glen of Imaal Terrier and Cesky Terrier
Wednesday 26th May	Bull Terrier and Bull Terrier Miniature
Wednesday 2nd June	American Stafford Terrier
Wednesday 3rd June	Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Monday 14th June	Field Day. (Compulsory)
Wednesday 16th June	Revision Subgroup 4

2027 Dates Group 3 Gundogs

Group Leader: Cam Cavallo

All lectures begin at 7.30pm

Subgroup Three:

Monday 18th January	Introduction at Bulla starting at 7.30pm
Wednesday 3rd February	Pointers
Wednesday 10th February	English Setters
Wednesday 17th February	Gordon Setters
Wednesday 24th February	Irish Setters
Wednesday 3rd March	Irish Red & White Setters

Subgroup Four:

Wednesday 28th April	Labrador Retrievers
Wednesday 5th May	Golden Retrievers
Wednesday 12th May	Flat Coated Retrievers
Thursday 20th May	Curly Coated Retrievers
Wednesday 26th May	Chesapeake Bay, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers
Wednesday 2nd June	Lagotto Romagnoli & Spanish Water Dog
Wednesday 9th June	Murray River Retrievers
Field Day	TBC

2027 Dates Group 4 Hounds

Group Leader: Kay Sneath

All lectures begin at 7.30pm

Subgroup Three:

Wednesday 27th January	Introduction and Basset Hounds
Wednesday 3rd February	PBGV's, GBGV's and Basset Fauve de Bretagne
Wednesday 10th February	Dachshunds and Rabbit Dachshunds
Wednesday 24th February	Bavarian Mountain Scent Hound
Wednesday 3rd March	Bluetick Coonhounds and Black and Tan Coonhounds
Wednesday 10th March	Revision

Subgroup Four:

Wednesday 21st April	Beagles
Wednesday 28th April	Foxhound and Harriers
Wednesday 5th May	Bloodhounds
Wednesday 12th May	Otterhounds
Wednesday 19th May	Dogs Victoria AGM
Wednesday 26th May	Finnish Spitz, Norwegian Elkhounds
Wednesday 9th June	Revision
Saturday 1st May	Field Day at Hound Club Champ Show Bulla

2027 Dates Group 5 Working

Group Leader: Barbara Doyle

All lectures begin at 7.30pm

Subgroup Three:

Tuesday 19th January	Introduction Night
Tuesday 26th January	Bearded Collie & Pyrenean Sheepdog (Longhair)
Tuesday 2nd February	Bergamasco Shepherd, Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Tuesday 9th February	Briard & Berger Picard
Tuesday 16th February	Old English Sheepdog
Tuesday 23rd February	Puli; Pumi & Mudi
Tuesday 2nd March	Revision Night
Saturday 20th March	Field Day – Twilight Canine Country Club, Bulla Exhibition Centre (TBC)

Subgroup Four:

Tuesday 20th April	Australian Kelpie
Tuesday 27th April	Aust. Cattle Dog & Aust. Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
Tuesday 4th May	Welsh Corgi (Cardigan) & Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)
Tuesday 11th May	Norwegian Buhund & Swedish Vallhund
Tuesday 18th May	Finnish Lapphund & Swedish Lapphund
Tuesday 25th May	Revision Night
Saturday 19th June	Field day- Ladies Kennel Assoc KCC Park (TBC)

2027 Dates Group 6 Utility

Group Leader: Julie Keenan

All lectures begin at 7.30pm

Subgroup Three:

Thursday 28th January	Introduction 7pm start /Newfoundland/ECT
Thursday 4th February	St Bernard/ Caucasian Shepherd Dog/ Tornjak
Thursday 11th February	Bernese Mountain Dog/ Great Swiss Mountain Dog
Thursday 18th February	Pyrenean Mountain Dog/ Pyrenean Mastiff
Thursday 25th February	Portuguese Water Dog / Tibetan Mastiff
Thursday 8th April	Revision

Subgroup Four:

Thursday 22nd April	Boxer
Thursday 29th April	Dobermann/ German Pinscher
Thursday 6th May	Rottweiler/ Russian Black
Thursday 20th May	All Schnauzers
Thursday 27th May	Leonberger/Estrela Mountain Dog/Yugoslavian Shepherd Dog
Thursday 3rd June	Revision
Sunday 1st August	Field Day Utility Dog Club Victoria Championship Show

2027 Dates Group 7 Non-Sporting

Group Leader: Shellie Marshall

All lectures begin at 7.30pm

Subgroup Three:

Monday 18th January	Introduction Night at Bulla starting at 7.30pm
Wednesday 17th February	German & Japanese Spitz
Wednesday 3rd March	Keeshond
Wednesday 10th March	Schipperke
Wednesday 17th March	Chow Chow
Wednesday 24th March	Karelian Bear, Canaan Dog & Eurasier
Saturday 3rd April	Field Day – Sovereign City at Bulla - 9am start
Wednesday 7th April	Revision

Subgroup Four:

Wednesday 21st April	Shar Pei
Wednesday 28th April	Shih Tzu
Wednesday 5th May	Lhasa Apso
Wednesday 26th May	Tibetan Terrier
Wednesday 16th June	Revision
Saturday 10th July	Field Day – Junior Kennel Club

Frequently Asked Questions

How many dogs can a Dogs Australia Accredited Assessor sign off as judged at a non-contracted show?

- Ten (10) dogs

Can I critique dogs at Breed Lectures?

- **No.** Critiques are a training tool and need time for full discussion with an Accredited Assessor to read your critique and have a full discussion on said dog.

What should I do with essays if I missed the lecture?

- Trainees must send essays **within 14 days**, to each of the below-

  1. The group leader for checking
  2. Dogs Victoria office:
     All conformation judges training to be emailed to:
     mwilliams@dogsvictoria.org.au
  3. CJC Chair

Can I count dogs I judge in a 'Property Class's at a Speciality Show?

- Only in classes where the **entire dog is judged**. e.g., Owner/Breeder Class, Interstate Exhibitor Class, Puppy Sweeps Class (over 6 months)

- Best Head, Colour, Gaited etc where the whole dog is **not** being judged are not counted

Can I complete Intensive Critiques interstate, and have them signed?

- **Yes**, but they **must** be on the DV Intensive Critique form and completed as required by the Dogs Victoria CJC. They **must** be discussed and signed off by a Dogs Australia Accredited Assessor **on the day**.