

Dogs Victoria Heat Policy for Conformation Shows, (a summary of the new policy)

Conformation 7.6.8 Extreme Weather - takes effect from Saturday 1 October 2016

Hot Weather

If the forecast temperature for the district where the show is to be held is 36 degrees or higher then:

- (a) The show is to be cancelled or:
- (b) The show is to be rescheduled to start at 7pm where the exhibition area has lighting and is available for use.

Fire Danger

If the CFA fire danger rating for the district where the show is to be held is Extreme or Code Red then:

The show must be cancelled

Gale Force Winds / Thunderstorms / Flood

If gale force winds, thunderstorms or floods are predicted for the district where the show is to be held then:

- (a) The show MAY be cancelled or
- (b) A wait and see approach may be adopted and
 1. If the show proceeds, judging must stop during thunderstorms or periods of heavy rain.
 2. Judging may continue without a lunch break.
 3. If possible the show may be moved inside.
 4. If the committee of the affiliate deem the show to be unsafe once it has commenced, the show must be cancelled.
 5. Should a show be cancelled after commencement all awards will stand.

Procedures for Affiliates and exhibitors to follow:

- The forecast temperature, gale force winds, thunderstorm or flood predictions for the district where the show is to be held will be as advised on the Elders Weather Website (www.eldersweather.com.au) at 10am two days prior to the show. The Fire Danger Rating for the district where the show is to be held will be as advised on the CFA website (www.cfa.vic.gov.au) at 10am two days prior to the show. In the event of an official declaration by the CFA the day prior to the show of Extreme or Code Red the show must be cancelled.
- Where multiple shows are scheduled over 2 days, then only those day(s), where the temperature is 36 degrees or higher, or the fire danger rating is Extreme or Code Red or gale force winds, thunderstorms or floods are predicted, will be affected.
- Where a show is cancelled, no entry fees will be refunded.

*****The GSDCV Show Committee will use the GSDCV website and facebook page, and all other practical means possible to advise exhibitors, but exhibitors should also check the relevant websites for weather information. Remember - your dog's health in extreme weather is your main priority.