

About Dr. Peter Higgins



Dr. Peter Higgins is a qualified veterinarian and spokesperson for Dogs NSW. Peter's involvement in the dog world has been quite diverse, from his many roles as a veterinary surgeon, show steward, dog breeder, exhibitor, show commentator, and spokesperson for a number of pet organisations.

Peter commenced showing dogs in 1985 and quickly became involved also in stewarding and Dogs NSW committees. He is not only the official veterinarian, but also commentator for the past 17 years for the Royal Easter Show and continues to lecture to dog judge candidates as well as veterinary students at Sydney University.

His community service work as spokesperson and patron of a number of societies and clubs continues. He was spokesperson for the Australian Veterinary Association for 5 years and also stood on the Board of the Australian Red Cross, Animal Welfare League, Lost Dogs Home, and Royal Guide Dog Association.

Peter was one of the initiators of the first organised pet visitation programmes in Australia – the Outreach Programme for the elderly, and the first pet placement programme - Pets As Therapy. Early in his veterinary career Peter was awarded a Clinical Proficiency Medal for Veterinary Medicine and, later, a Global Leadership Award.

His most recent recognition is the prestigious, Contributor of the Year for the Royal Agricultural Society; an award that has only been given to 14 people in the history of the Royal Easter Show.

About Dogs NSW



Dogs NSW is the new name of the Royal Canine Council Ltd, This name was launched on the 1st of July 2006, representing the Royal NSW Canine Council Ltd. Dogs NSW functions and objectives, include promoting and raising the standards of breeding purebred dogs, maintaining the register of purebred dogs, promoting responsible dog ownership amongst the members and community, and promoting the various activities of the Dogs NSW, which include Dog Shows, Obedience, Agility, Working and Sporting Dog Trials.

Dogs NSW was created due to a greater need for community members to access the knowledge and services of the Royal NSW Canine Council. Dogs NSW and its members support best breeding practices and assist and make contributions to canine veterinary research.