

WHY BUY A DESIGNER DOG WHEN YOU COULD CHOOSE A DOG BRED BY DESIGN?



Did you realise that there are more than 180 internationally recognised breeds of pure bred, pedigreed dogs throughout the world? In fact, Australia has examples of most of these breeds being exhibited at dogs shows throughout the nation every weekend of the year. Every one of these breeds has been developed for a specific purpose - whether it be working ability, size, temperament or agility. In short, there is a pure bred, pedigreed, registered dog that will suit every lifestyle whether as a treasured family member or working companion.

Pure Bred, Pedigreed, Registered dogs are the result of many hundreds of years of careful development by specialist breeders – in fact the ancestry of some of our most ancient of breeds can be traced back thousands of years. In many instances, Australia is at the forefront of pedigreed, registered dog breed development. Our registered Dogs Queensland member breeders are governed by a strict code of ethics. In addition, many Dogs Queensland affiliated Specialty Breed Clubs, impose further restrictions on their members to ensure that only the very best quality dogs are used in a breeding program.

Dogs Queensland was established in 1945 and has as its primary charter to promote the virtues and activities of Pedigreed, Registered, Pure Bred dogs in this State. Affiliated with the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC), Dogs Queensland has a full time administrative staff directed by a Secretary / General Manager. In addition, a number of appointed Councillors, led by our President and his Executive team, attend to the challenging task of managing Dog World affairs in Queensland. Every organised event that involves pedigreed, registered pure bred dogs in Queensland must first be sanctioned by Dogs Queensland and covers such diverse activities as conformation shows, obedience trials, retrieving trials, agility, tracking and herding.

Dogs Queensland has become increasingly concerned over recent years at the apparent number of “Designer Dogs” being bred and offered for sale to the unsuspecting public. Designer Dogs can usually be described as dogs that have been bred as a result of combining two (or more) recognised breeds of pure bred dogs. Often the resulting puppies will be given catchy names, like Labradoodle or Cockerdoodle. But who guarantees the quality of the parents of these cross bred puppies? The bottom line is that no matter what type of trendy names they may be given – these dogs are cross breeds.

Our Dogs Queensland members are forbidden (under our rules) from cross breeding their pedigreed, registered dogs with a different breed. This suggests that the Designer Dog puppies that are finding their way on to the pet market have been bred by inexperienced “backyard” breeders having little or no regard for the potential risks involved.

The sad fact is that these cross bred puppies are often bred from parent dogs that have not undergone any of the strict hereditary disease testing regimes that our members regularly carry out on their breeding stock. Nor are there any safeguards against temperament defects. One example of the sales pitch for a trendy named “Labradoodle” might suggest that this particular type of Designer Dog may have the temperament of a Labrador Retriever and the limited coat shedding benefits of a Poodle but there are absolutely no guarantees that this will be the case.

Many breeders of these so-called Designer Dogs rely on the term Hybrid Vigour when describing the advantages of these cross bred dogs. The term literally means “the increased size or strength of a hybrid as compared to either of its parents”. It has nothing at all to do with disease resistance, structural soundness or likely temperament of any resulting puppies.

So if at some time in the future you may be considering the purchase of a new puppy, please take the time to research the many breeds of Pure Bred, Registered Dogs that are available. With more than 180 to choose from there is sure to be a breed that will suit your specific needs and the lifestyle of your family.

For further information about Pure Bred, Pedigreed, Registered Dogs, please contact Dogs Queensland on (07) 3252 2661 or visit our website www.dogsqueensland.org.au/breeds



OFFICIAL BREEDS GROUP LISTING

As approved by the ANKC in common name alphabetical sequence.

GROUP 1 (Toys)

Affenpinscher
Australian Silky Terrier
Bichon Frise
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chihuahua (Long Coat)
Chihuahua (Smooth Coat)
Chinese Crested Dog
English Toy Terrier (Black & Tan)
Griffon Bruxellois
Havanese
Italian Greyhound
Japanese Chin
King Charles Spaniel
Lowchen
Maltese
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Pug
Russian Toy
Tibetan Spaniel
Yorkshire Terrier

GROUP 2 (Terriers)

Airedale Terrier
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Terrier
Bedlington Terrier
Border Terrier
Bull Terrier
Bull Terrier (Miniature)
Cairn Terrier
Cesky Terrier
Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Fox Terrier (Smooth)
Fox Terrier (Wire)
German Hunting Terrier
Glen of Imaal Terrier
Irish Terrier
Jack Russell Terrier
Kerry Blue Terrier
Lakeland Terrier
Manchester Terrier
Norfolk Terrier
Norwich Terrier
Parson Russell Terrier
Scottish Terrier
Sealyham Terrier
Skye Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Tenterfield Terrier
Welsh Terrier
West Highland White Terrier

GROUP 3 (Gundogs)

Bracco Italiano
Brittany
Chesapeake Bay Retriever
Clumber Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel
Cocker Spaniel (American)
Curly Coated Retriever
English Setter
English Springer Spaniel
Field Spaniel
Flat Coated Retriever
German Shorthaired Pointer
German Wirehaired Pointer
Golden Retriever
Gordon Setter
Hungarian Vizsla
Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla
Irish Red & White Setter
Irish Setter
Irish Water Spaniel
Italian Spinone
Labrador Retriever
Lagotto Romagnolo
Large Munsterlander
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Pointer
Sussex Spaniel
Weimaraner
Weimaraner (Longhair)
Welsh Springer Spaniel

GROUP 4 (Hounds)

Afghan Hound
Azawakh
Basenji
Basset Fauve De Bretagne
Basset Hound
Beagle
Bloodhound
Bluetick Coonhound
Borzoi
Dachshund (Long Haired)
Dachshund (Min Long Haired)
Dachshund (Smooth Haired)
Dachshund (Min Smooth Haired)
Dachshund (Wire Haired)
Dachshund (Min Wire Haired)
Deerhound
Finnish Spitz
Foxhound
Grand Basset Griffon Vendeen
Greyhound
Hamiltonstovare
Harrier
Ibizan Hound
Irish Wolfhound
Norwegian Elkhound
Otterhound
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen
Pharaoh Hound
Portuguese Podengo (Small)
Portuguese Podengo (Medium)
Portuguese Podengo (Large)
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Saluki
Sloughi
Whippet

GROUP 5 (Working Dogs)

Australian Cattle Dog
Australian Kelpie
Australian Shepherd
Australian Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog
Bearded Collie
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Groen)
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Laek)
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Mal)
Belgian Shepherd Dog (Terv)
Bergamasco Shepherd Dog
Border Collie
Bouvier Des Flandres
Briard
Collie (Rough)
Collie (Smooth)
Dutch Shepherd
Finnish Lapphund
German Shepherd Dog
German Shepherd Dog (LSC)
Komondor
Kuvasz
Maremma Sheepdog
Norwegian Buhund
Old English Sheepdog
Polish Lowland Sheepdog
Puli
Pumi
Pyrenean Sheepdog Longhaired
Shetland Sheepdog
Swedish Lapphund
Swedish Vallhund
Welsh Corgi (Cardigan)
Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)
White Swiss Shepherd Dog

GROUP 6 (Utility)

Akita
Akita (Japanese)
Alaskan Malamute
Anatolian Shepherd Dog
Bernese Mountain Dog
Boxer
Bullmastiff
Canadian Eskimo Dog
Cane Corso
Central Asian Shepherd Dog
Dobermann
Dogue De Bordeaux
German Pinscher
Leonberger
Mastiff
Neapolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Portuguese Water Dog
Pyrenean Mastiff
Pyrenean Mountain Dog
Rottweiler
Russian Black Terrier
Samoyed
Schnauzer
Schnauzer (Giant)
Schnauzer (Miniature)
Shiba Inu
Siberian Husky
Spanish Mastiff
St Bernard
Tetra Shepherd Dog
Tibetan Mastiff

GROUP 7 (Non-Sporting)

Boston Terrier
British Bulldog
Canaan Dog
Chow Chow
Dalmatian
Eurasier
French Bulldog
German Spitz (Klein)
German Spitz (Mittel)
Great Dane
Japanese Spitz
Keeshond
Lhasa Apso
Peruvian Hairless Dog
Peruvian Hairless Dog (Medium)
Peruvian Hairless Dog (Small)
Poodle (Miniature)
Poodle (Standard)
Poodle (Toy)
Schipperke
Shar Pei
Shih Tzu
Tibetan Terrier
Xoloitzcuintle