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Dear New Member,

We're the CCC (Q) t/as Dogs Queensland and have responsibility for administering Pure Bred Dogs and Dog Breeders within the State.

### MEMBERSHIP

To make the most of your dog ownership, you can become a Dogs Queensland Member and join in the wonderful world of dogs. To this end, I enclose a Dogs Queensland Membership Pack. Membership is available to anyone and the first decision you will need to make is whether you want a Joint or a Single Membership. If there are 2 owners and you are both genuinely interested in the breeding and / or showing of your dogs, then a Joint Membership is best for you. You must, however, reside at the same address to secure this membership. If not, then a Single Membership is more suitable. In the Dogs Queensland Membership Pack, you will find a Rule Book. It is very important to familiarise yourself with these Rules before you submit your Application for Membership. Memberships are approved on a weekly basis so you would receive your Membership Card within 2 weeks of applying. If you merely want to show your dog, your membership card is all you need. Information in the enclosed **Handbook for New Members** will give you more details. As a last step, please ensure that once your dog is purchased and you have received your Certificate of Registration and Pedigree from the Breeder, that this certificate must reflect the same name as your membership, i.e. Joint Names for Joint Membership, Single Names for Single Membership.

### QUEENSLAND DOG WORLD

As a benefit of membership, each month you receive the official Dogs Queensland magazine, the Queensland Dog World. This magazine is our way of communicating information to Members, along with the Dogs Queensland Website - [www.dogsqueensland.org.au](http://www.dogsqueensland.org.au) and our e-newsletter, the 'Dog Blog'. Major items published in each edition include Breed Articles, Notice of Changes to Rules, Show Schedules, Affiliated Clubs and their contact details and a Breeders' Directory. Details of all Fees and Charges are also published in this magazine.

### BREEDER'S PREFIX APPLICATION

Becoming a Registered Breeder with Dogs Queensland is a very rewarding experience, but does come with a requirement to complete some necessary and periodical paperwork. Prior to purchase, it is essential to thoroughly research the breed and its background. This responsibility rests with the puppy buyer, but to assist in this process, you will find a list of Breed clubs in the Queensland Dog World. These Breed Clubs, along with your Breeder, are an invaluable source of information. To offer your male dog out for stud all you require is a Membership, however, if you wish to breed a female dog, you will also need a Breeder's Prefix. This allows any dog to be identified as bred by you and is therefore unique. Please check your dog's certificate, which will reveal the first name of your dog, which is the dog's Kennel Prefix belonging to the Breeder. Upon request, a Breeder's Prefix pack will be sent to you from the Dogs Queensland office. This pack will include an Application Form, Open Book Exam and a 'Guidelines for Breeders' Booklet that will help you with your exam. This exam is essential to demonstrate your understanding of the breeding process. The application forms are also available on the Dogs Queensland website. **At this point, I would stress that both the Membership and the Prefix should be applied for before any mating takes place and stress again that it is essential that the Membership, all Breeding Bitches and the Kennel Prefix should be in the same Membership "type", i.e. Single or Joint.**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Obedience training** is one of the best things that you can do for your dog. The great personal satisfaction one achieves from turning an uncontrolled animal into a well mannered member of your household is tremendous. Thousands of people and their pets attend obedience classes every week. These obedience classes are conducted by clubs affiliated with Dogs Queensland and are held throughout the state by affiliated Clubs. At these Clubs, the owners join in structured classes and are taught how to train their dogs, completing simple exercises and taking home ideas to practice. Obedience classes are open to all dogs regardless of pedigree, breed, size and parentage with handlers coming from all walks of life.

After a few weeks, dog and handler may be promoted to a higher class. A few months pass and the owner and family have a happy, well trained canine friend. Most owners are content to use these training sessions to achieve a well socialised and obedient family member. Some owners enjoy their training so much that they go on to enter competitions and gain obedience titles with their dog.

- **Agility training** and trials are also conducted by many of the Dogs Queensland affiliated Clubs. Agility is a sport which challenges the dog and handler to manoeuvre over an obstacle course with both speed and accuracy. Agility is an exciting spectator sport which always draws large crowds wherever it is conducted, with agility demonstrations held at many fetes, fairs and Agricultural Shows.
- **Retrieving trials** are conducted over a short season, from late March to September each year. All Gundog breeds are eligible to enter the Trials, which try to simulate actual shooting conditions for duck shooting on swamps or rivers, and other game on land. No live game is used, and only blank cartridges are used in shotguns to fire at the objects catapulted into the air. Retrieving trials test the handlers and their dogs, and are an opportunity to see Gundogs doing the very work for which they were bred. The dogs love the challenge, the handlers enjoy the social aspects of being with other people and their dogs, and all enjoy the competitive nature of this outdoor sport. Points are awarded for the dog's steadiness to shot, obedience, style and eagerness. They are also awarded for the dog's ability to work in the field to find the game and then deliver it promptly and tenderly to his handler.
- **Tracking** is an organised sport where it is vitally important that the dog and handler work as a team. The handler must be able to 'read' his dog's body language to know whether the dog is on the right track. It is a sport which involves a lot of time in setting up and laying the track before the trial. The dog is required to locate the Tracklayer at the end of a track up to 1 kilometre in length and after a time of up to 3 hours.
- **Field Trials** are for Gundogs, and are based upon the idea of a pair of friends going out for a day's shooting. The dogs work in braces (pairs) and must point the game, (with the second dog honouring, or backing up the first dog), flush and retrieve the game. Various types of Trials are held, depending upon the breeds of Gundogs, and the work for which they were bred.

There are also a number of other new disciplines that your dog can get involved in, such as Herding and Dances with Dogs.

If you have any questions about dogs, breeding and / or showing and trialing please contact the Dogs Queensland office, Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4.00pm, or send us an email to [info@dogsqueensland.org.au](mailto:info@dogsqueensland.org.au) and our staff will be able to assist you.

Regards  
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**SECRETARY / GENERAL MANAGER**