

Dear Sir / Madam,

I refer to your recent enquiry concerning membership of Dogs Queensland and have pleasure in enclosing an application form for Membership. Please complete as appropriate and return it to this office with your payment.

As a potential new member there are, no doubt, a number of questions you would like answered and I take this opportunity to introduce you to Dogs Queensland.

Dogs Queensland administers and is wholly concerned with the welfare and betterment of purebred dogs throughout Queensland. A purebred dog registered with Dogs Queensland may be eligible for entry in Open Shows, Championship Shows, Obedience, Tracking, Agility, Field or Retrieving Trials held throughout the State by Clubs affiliated with Dogs Queensland. The owner must be a financial member of Dogs Queensland to enter Shows and Trials, but Open Shows and Sweepstakes may be entered by a non-member with a registered dog.

In order to breed and register any litters, the registered owners of the Dam (mother) **MUST** be financial Members of Dogs Queensland and must **ALSO HAVE A FINANCIAL BREEDER'S PREFIX** prior to mating their dogs.

It is REQUIRED THAT PERSONS APPLYING FOR A BREEDER'S PREFIX MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION BASED ON THE VCA GUIDELINES FOR BREEDERS BOOKLET.

The owner(s) of a Sire (father) that resides in Queensland must be a financial member(s) of Dogs Queensland to be able to use their dog for stud purposes.

The granting of a Prefix is controlled by an Interstate Processing Bureau for the whole of Australia and could well take up to **FOUR (4) WEEKS** before being granted. This should be applied for in good time as you will not be able to register any litter of puppies until a Prefix has been approved. Prefix application forms are available from the Dogs Queensland office or website.

Having been granted a Prefix, you may now lodge your **Litter Registration Pack**. The application forms are available from our website to download. Please call our office for all other stationery. When your litter has been processed, Certificates of Registration will be issued. This is, in fact, the puppy's birth certificate and should be treated accordingly. A lost certificate will cause you needless trouble, as well as an additional fee for the issue of a replacement certificate. It is also your responsibility to transfer these puppies to the new owners within thirty (30) days. Litter registration applications should be submitted before the puppies are four (4) months of age, or the cost of registering the puppies will increase after this time. Litter Registration Applications should be submitted **NO LATER THAN EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS OF AGE, AS DOGS QUEENSLAND RULES WILL NOT ALLOW LITTERS TO BE REGISTERED AFTER THIS AGE.**

It is most important that you check the original Certificate of Registration forwarded to you after purchasing your dog because the name shown on the Certificate must be exactly the same as the membership (i.e., if the bitch is registered to Mr. & Mrs. Citizen, the Prefix and Membership **MUST** be in the joint names of Mr. & Mrs. Citizen). If you have any doubts in this regard, please telephone the Dogs Queensland office. Our office hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Children from seven (7) to seventeen (17) years of age may participate in Dogs Queensland sanctioned activities under their parents, grandparents or a legally appointed guardian's membership. They may also apply for a **Junior Membership** – The application form is available from our website to download.

IMPORTANT: All dogs, bitches and semen imported into Australia must be re-registered. The **Re-registration of Dogs/Bitches** application is available to download from our website.

All forms can be downloaded from the Dogs Queensland website: www.dogsqueensland.org.au

Once you sign this Membership application you are agreeing to abide by our Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and the Rules of Dogs Queensland so please read them carefully as they are mandatory.

I hope that your membership proves to be a long and happy experience.

Yours faithfully
J.R. Harrison



GENERAL MANAGER