

SUMMARY
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, 25 November 2025

New Breeds Proposal

Prior to the commencement of the formal Board meeting, lengthy discussion was held on a New Breeds Proposal. Kindred bodies had already been recognised and assisting members to attain the levels required would be needed. A proactive approach on communication to members was essential with information needing to be widely circulated across all Zones using publications, social media platforms and member meetings, as well as to other State bodies.

The Board resolved to progress the New Breeds Proposal, with:

- i) The two dog breeds which meet the criteria for elevation in accordance with the required schedule in recognition of the breeds developed be put forward to the ANKC for approval.
- ii) Work be undertaken on the required motion for the ANKC regarding member bodies assisting with a Development Register.
- iii) A plan to be developed that whilst dogs were under development there be capacity to have another breed type or variety, with a working party established to consider how the other breed types or varieties would fit into the different rules and regulations and the implementation process.
- iv) A communication strategy to members on the proposed issues to be prepared by the Canine Welfare and Liaison Officer for endorsement by the Board before being issued to the membership.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest were declared by:

- Carolyn Ryan, Bill Smith and Ainslie Carius on one Agenda Item with the Directors leaving the meeting during discussions and they did not vote on the matter.
- Barbara Murfet on one Agenda Item and she left the meeting during discussions and did not vote on the matter.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of Board Meeting – 28 October 2025

The minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 28 October 2025 were adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Summary of Previous Minutes – 23 September 2025

The Summary of Minutes for 23 September 2025 was accepted with the Summary to be published to members on the Dogs Queensland website.

REPORTS

Financial Report – 31 October 2025

Financial Summary – 31 October 2025

The Financial Report and Summary to 31 October 2025 were tabled and discussed.

2026 Budget

The information provided was tabled noting the Finance, Budget and Risk Management Committee had considered and recommended the 2026 Budget be adopted. It was flagged consideration was being given to simplifying the fee structure for future budgets and work was being undertaken with Dogs NSW on developing a 'fit for purpose' website.

The Board resolved to adopt the 2026 Budget provided in the papers.

Office Reports

Office Report Week Ending – 21 November 2025: Noted.

Social Media Report – November 2025: Noted.

Welfare Officer Reports

CWLO Board Report - November 2025/Breeder Prefix Exam Answer Key/Questions: Sept 2025

The information provided was tabled.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

RNA Dog Committee – Minutes and Relevant Documents

Discussion followed on the information provided noting scheduled construction for the Exhibition showgrounds would limit the Dogs Sports area and shows moving forward.

The Board supported the proposal to offer the RNA use of the Durack grounds during the Ekka for Conformation and Dogs Sports events which would be held on weekdays. The better positioning of the Dogs Queensland stand at the Ekka to maximise exposure needed to be addressed and consideration given to selling showbags in the Showbag Pavillion, depending on the costs.

Arrangements for Members' Meeting – 20th December 2025

Discussion followed on arrangements for the members' meeting noting options and calendar dates for similar meetings in Zones 2 and 3, for example at Townsville and Bundaberg, were being considered.

Juniors at Durack Committee

Discussion followed on providing events for junior members and whether to seek expressions of interest (EOIs) for a separate Committee, expand the remit of the current Junior Handlers Committee or reinvigorate the Junior Kennel Club. The provision of handling/competition events and services for juniors was considered a strategic issue to be addressed noting mentors would also be required.

Changes to the Blue Card System

The information provided was noted and discussed. A response was awaited from Blue Card Services on enquiries to clarify requirements and the interpretation of the rules around 'activities mainly involving children' and application to events conducted by Dogs Queensland and clubs.

Canon Australia Recap of Proposal Dogs Queensland November 2025

The information provided was discussed. The Board agreed to proceed with finalising a deal as proposed with Canon Australia on the lease of printers.

ANKC (Dogs Australia) Matters

October 2025 ANKC Ltd Board Meeting Minutes - confirmed

The information provided was noted with discussion following on the issues addressed at the ANKC October 2025 Board meeting.

Notice of Dogs Australia Special Board Meeting: 21 February 2026

The Board agreed the requirements for awarding junior CACIB titles be added as an Agenda item for the 21 February 2026 Dogs Australia meeting in Melbourne.

Regulation Amendments for Fast N Furious: Noted.

COMMITTEES

Queensland Dog Sports

Financial Report for October 2025: Noted

QDS Committee Questions

The information provided was discussed.

The Board resolved to write to all Queensland clubs and request a voluntary donation or contribution be made for the purchase of white picket fencing at Durack.

QDS Committee Changes

The information provided was noted and discussed.

The Board agreed to the following changes:

- Add Laura Schimke and Laurie Knauth as representatives on the Endurance Sub-Committee.
- Add Laura Schimke as the representative on the National Obedience Committee, with BM now the Committee Chair.
- Add Leah Perry as the representative on the National Sprint Dogs Committee.

Elevation for Earthdog Judges

The Board endorsed the following elevations, effective 1 January 2026:

- Robyn Burchman – Junior/Instinct Earthdog
- Vanora Appleby – All Classes Earthdog
- Kellie Gunnis – Track and Search Trainee
- Jesse Tosch – Rally O - All Levels

QDS Agility National – Approved Initial Prize Budget

The information provided was noted. The Board approved the initial Prize Budget of \$25,000 for the 2026 Agility Nationals and the additional estimated expenditure of \$9,000 for the purchase of new tunnels.

QDS Minutes: Noted.

Item for Dogs Australia

The information provided was discussed noting the changes had already been approved by Dogs Australia. It was suggested conversations on any upcoming rule changes be commenced earlier in the process to address any concerns or issues.

Conformation Judges

CJC Minutes 11 November 2025

The information provided was noted, with the following items flagged:

- Staggering the holding of hands-on examinations, with the CJC to consider formalising a proposal.
- Disciplinary proceedings for judges with the suggestion the CJC consider complaints before referring the matter to an impartial panel of peers to conduct a hearing. This would mean two separate panels would be in place being the Breaches Panel and a Judges Panel.

Constitution and Rules

DQ Constitution and Rules Committee Minutes 12-11-2025: Noted.

Resignation Vyvyan Mannion from the Constitution and Rules Committee: Noted.

Expression of Interest, 2 x new Committee members

The Board agreed expressions of interest (EOIs) be issued for two new members to join the Constitution and Rules Committee.

Appendix 11 Extreme weather and natural disaster policy (final)

The information provided was tabled noting the policy would come into effect from 1 January 2026. Training was to be conducted in December 2025 for clubs, Show Managers etc.

Revised Show Dates Policy

The correct Revised Show Dates Policy was to be recirculated for approval out of session.

Review of Complaints Process

The matter was added as a standing Agenda Item, with consideration to be given to streamlining the disciplinary process and resolving complaint matters in a more timely manner.

Club Compliance Checks

The matter was added as a Standing Agenda Item with the suggestion compliance checklists and reminders be issued to clubs on a regular basis. The Constitution and Rules Committee were also working on updating the administration manual.

Junior Handlers

Junior Handler Committee – Ready Set Go Show Report: Noted

Marketing and Public Relations

Dogapalooza 2026

The information provided was noted, with extensive advertising and promotion of the event underway.

Finance, Budget and Risk Management

Summary of Finance, Budget and Risk Management Committee Meeting: Noted.

SHOW MATTERS, SHOW/TRIAL DATES AND CLUB MATTERS

Show Dates

Show Dates for Approval – November 2025

Discussion followed on the information provided.

NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL

Flying Minutes re Membership

The Board ratified the memberships accepted by flying minutes as tabled. Membership currently stood at 5,685 plus 1,026 Community Memberships.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Items – 25 November 2025

The actions items were discussed noting updates provided, matters ongoing, papers or matters included on the Agenda and items completed.

Action Item 20 – Royal Canin Contract

The information was noted and discussed, with the General Manager authorised to proceed with the Royal Canin contract.

Action Item 21 – Plush Puppy Agreement

The information was discussed noting the agreement was for one year and arrangements were able to be made to utilise all sponsors. The Board agreed to proceed with the Plush Puppy Agreement.

LATE ITEMS & GENERAL BUSINESS

Canine Control Council (QLD) Pty Ltd – Interim Renewal Update: Noted.

Event Managers and Stewards

A verbal report was provided noting training courses had been scheduled during the day for Show Stewards on 10/11 January 2026 and Show Managers on 17/18 January 2026. It was considered there was no conflict with the night shows being held by the CJC on those dates.

Canine Grooming

A verbal report was provided on Canine Grooming Committee meeting, highlighting:

- The Committee's first event was proposed to be held on 11 and 12 July 2026 with the request to Dogs Queensland to provide a starting budget of \$5,000 approved.
- A request for Dogs Queensland to withhold or cap event levies in the first year and reduce membership fees for Groomers would need to be discussed by the Board.
- Three events to be held in 2027 with proposals to be prepared.

CLOSURE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 27 January 2026 at 6pm at the Dogs Queensland offices at Durack and online.