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SECTION 7 - REGISTRATION

7.1 The NACA shall keep and maintain the following Registers:

- (a) The Main Register
- (b) The Limited Register
- (c) The Associate Register

Breed Development or other Registers as determined by Council from time to time.

7.1.2 All dogs must be registered with the NACA before being eligible for entry for competition, exhibition or breeding. The application for registration will be in such form as the Council from time to time require.

7.1.3 No person may register a Litter and an individual Dog or transfer or lease a Dog with or through the NACA unless such person shall have applied for and been granted membership to the NACA. Nothing in this Rule shall prevent a non member from transferring or leasing a Dog to a member.

7.1.4 Where a non member transfers or leases a dog to a member the provisions of these Rules relating to the Transfer and Lease of a dog shall apply as if the non member were a member.

7.1.5 A member shall not be entitled to affect the initial registration of a dog unless that person is the breeder of such dog and is the registered owner of a Kennel Prefix and is a resident of the Northern Territory.

7.1.6 The provisions of rule 7.1.5 do not apply to dogs being registered in the Associate Register. In these circumstances the person applying for registration does not have to be the breeder, nor are they required to be the registered owner of a Kennel Prefix. The person must be a member of the NACA and a resident of the Northern Territory.

7.1.7 The provisions of rule 7.1.5 do not apply to dogs being registered that are imported into Australia. In these circumstances the person applying for registration does not have to be the breeder, nor are they required to be the registered owner of a Kennel Prefix. The person must be a member of the NACA and a resident of the Northern Territory.

7.1.8 The provisions of rule 7.1.5 may not apply to dogs on a Development or other Register approved by Council. Council will establish separate regulations covering these Registers.

7.2 KENNEL PREFIX

- 7.2.1 No dog submitted for registration by its breeder shall be registered unless and until such breeder has registered a kennel prefix with the NACA.
- 7.2.2 Where a prefix is jointly owned by persons residing in more than one State and/or Territory, the use of the prefix in each of the State and/or Territories in which the joint owner resides is permissible, providing the prefix name is registered and maintained in each State and/or Territory in which the prefix is to be used.
- 7.2.3 The registration procedures in each State or Territory in which the prefix is to be used shall apply for all registration purposes.
- 7.2.4 An application to register a Kennel Prefix must be made on the prescribed form and be submitted with the fee to the NACA.
- 7.2.5 No Kennel Prefix shall be accepted for registration if it resembles any other prefix, is misleading, is unsuitable or objectionable, or is known or believed to be a prefix or affix registered in a foreign country or is not in accordance with ANKC requirements. Any objection to the registration of a prefix must be lodged with the NACA within 60 days of the publication in the Territory Dog World.
- 7.2.6 The composition of the Kennel Prefix shall be limited to one (1) word of not more than twelve (12) letters.
- 7.2.7 Not include numbers whether in numerals or words.
- 7.2.8 Not include apostrophes, hyphens, or punctuation marks of any kind, however no restrictions shall be placed on the use of the word 'von' or 'vom'.
- 7.2.9 A Kennel Prefix registered by a member may only be used in respect of a breed of dog recognised by the ANKC.
- 7.2.10 A member may only register one Kennel prefix for a particular breed of dog, but the Kennel Prefix may be used by the member for other breeds.
- 7.2.11 (a) There shall be an annual Kennel Prefix renewal fee which shall be payable by each person in whose name a prefix is registered;
- (b) The annual prefix fee shall be such sum as prescribed from time to time and shall be due and payable by each registered owner of a Kennel Prefix on or before the 1st day of January in each calendar year; and

- (c) Where the annual prefix fee is not paid as required by this Rule the registration of that prefix shall automatically lapse.

7.2.12 A Kennel Prefix once accepted and registered, shall not be altered, or amended in any manner whatsoever. The Kennel Prefix may be cancelled and a new Kennel Prefix submitted, however the new Kennel Prefix shall be deemed to be a new application and processed as such.

7.2.13 When registering/transferring a dog, a members/non members name must be used as the registered owner, not a kennel prefix. A registered prefix shall not be transferred except with the consent of the governing council and of the registered owner(s).

7.3 NAMING OF DOGS

7.3.1 Names of Dogs submitted for individual registration;

- (a) may include any number of words providing the number of digits, including the breeder's registered Kennel Prefix and spaces between the words, does not exceed twenty four (24) units, but excluding any recognised titles;
- (b) shall (subject to Rule 7.4.2) include the breeder's registered Kennel Prefix;
- (c) shall not (subject to Rule 7.4.2) include any numbers, whether expressed in words or numerals;
- (d) shall not (subject to Rule 7.4.2) include the use of apostrophes and the letter ('s) which goes with it and all hyphens;
- (e) shall not include or constitute the name of any town, place, country, notable person, common name or other name that may be misleading as to sex, origin or relationship, unless specifically approved by Council;
- (f) a name, once registered, shall not again be re-registered in the same breed;
- (g) when a name is not acceptable and the owner of the dog omits to choose another name when requested to do so, a substitute name will be allocated;
- (h) once a name has been registered and accepted, it shall not be altered or added to;
- (i) no dog shall be registered unless the breeder has a registered Kennel Prefix

- (j) no dog shall be entered into a competition or exhibition only or be advertised or otherwise referred to by only part of the registered name which includes the prefix and recognised title (if any) and the word (imp), if the dog has been imported, or by a name different from the registered name.
- 7.3.2
- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Rule, no word that is in the nature of a prefix, and no kennel prefix except the breeder's registered prefix, may be used as a name or part of a name.
 - (b) Where the Dog is registered in another State or Country and a prefix or a word that is in the nature of a prefix forms part of the name of that Dog the Administration officer may, at her discretion accept the existing name or may require it to be altered.
- 7.3.3 A number shall be allocated to each dog registered with the NACA.

7.4 REGISTRATION OF PROGENY

- 7.4.1 The Service Certificate included in the Application for Registration of Progeny, shall be completed by the owner(s) of the Sire and countersigned by the owner(s) of the Dam. In any case where the breeder owns the Sire and Dam, the breeder will sign in both capacities.
- 7.4.2 A kennel prefix must not be used in place of the name of the registered owner(s)/registered breeder of the dog.
- 7.4.3
- (a) Any special conditions appertaining to the Certificate of Service shall be set out on a Statutory Declaration and shall be signed by both the breeder and the owner of the Sire.
 - (b) Should any dispute arise or any other consideration become necessary in relation to or of such special conditions Council shall have power (but not in any circumstances be or become bound) to enter into or decide any such dispute or other consideration and may decline to do so in any circumstances without assigning any reason therefore.
- 7.4.4 All dogs from a litter must be registered. A breeder may make application to register the dog on either the Main or Limited Register.
- 7.4.5 No Dog will be registered after eighteen (18) months from date of birth.

- 7.4.6 Applications for the registration of dogs shall be accepted only for Breeds recognised by the ANKC.
- 7.4.7 Every application for individual registration of a Dog shall include the registered numbers of the Sire and Dam, and shall be signed by the breeder certifying the correctness of the information contained in the application.
- 7.4.8 No bitch shall be bred for a third consecutive season. A period of twelve (12) months from the date of the birth of the puppies from that second litter should lapse prior to mating that bitch again. In the event that this should occur, the progeny from the third litter will be placed on the limited register and the breeder will be fined \$500.00. Should this offence occur a second time a period of suspension will be imposed as determined by council.
- 7.4.9 All progeny must be registered in the state that they are born.

7.5 LIMITED REGISTER REGULATIONS

7.5.1 A breeder may make application to register a dog on the LIMITED REGISTER and shall pay the appropriate fees when lodging the Application for Registration of Progeny. A dog entered on the LIMITED REGISTER shall be;

- (a) ineligible for exhibition at a Conformation Exhibition;
- (b) ineligible to be used for breeding purposes;
- (c) not entire or has been desexed;
- (d) ineligible for export

7.5.2 A Dog may be transferred between the MAIN REGISTER and the LIMITED REGISTER, subject to the following conditions:

7.5.2.1 Transfer from Limited Register to Main Register if;

- (a) application of such transfer is lodged with the Administration Officer and;
- (b) both the **breeder** and the **registered owner(s)** of the dog make written application for such transfer in such form as determined by the Council from time to time

7.5.2.2 Transfer from the Main Register to the Limited Register if,

- (a) application of such transfer is lodged with the Administration Officer, in writing signed by the registered owner, **on one occasion only**

- 7.5.3 Dogs on the LIMITED REGISTER may be transferred to the ownership of non-members.
- 7.5.4 A Dog not nominated for the Limited Register will automatically be placed on the Main Register upon Application for Registration of progeny.
- 7.6 REGISTRATION OF THE PROGENY OF ANKC APPROVED CROSS MATINGS**
The registration of the progeny of cross mating (size & coat type) is not permissible except for the following:
- 7.6.1 CHIHUAHUAS**
Mating between smooth and long coat Chihuahuas are accepted for registration and registered according to coat type
- Long coat x long coat* – all offspring will be long coat. No other option is possible because to be a long coat phenotype no smooth coat dominant genes can be present.
- Smooth coat x smooth coat* – the proportion of offspring will vary from 75% smooth/25% long to 100% smooth depending on whether or not any of the parents is carrying the recessive long coat gene.
- Long coat x smooth coat* – the proportion of offspring will vary from 100% smooth coat to 50/50 depending on whether or not the smooth parent is carrying the long coat gene or not.
- 7.6.2 BULL TERRIERS**
Bull Terrier and Miniature Bull Terrier breeding is authorised until the year 2009. All such progeny to be registered as Bull Terrier (Miniature).
- 7.6.3 WEIMARANERS**
Mating between long and short coat Weimaraners is permissible
- 7.6.4 COLLIES (ROUGH & SMOOTH)**
Mating between rough and smooth coats is permissible, and progeny are to be registered according to coat type.
- 7.6.5 BELGIAN SHEPHERDS**
The interbreeding of Belgian Shepherds – Groenendael and Tervueren is permitted as long as the member body of that state is satisfied with the application, together with the cross-mating of Malinois and Laekenois and Malinois with Tervueren but under no circumstances should Tervueren with Malinois breeding in its pedigree be permitted to be cross-mated with a Groenendael
Effective 1.1.2000, any new policies or regulations affecting the breeding of dogs will only commence on the 1st day of the month at least twelve clear months following publication of the new requirements in the appropriate publication.

7.7 LITTER REGISTRATION LIMITATIONS

7.7.1 GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

Effective 1.7.2002 litters, resulting from the mating of German Shepherd dogs under the age of 18 months at the time of mating, are not eligible for registration.

For all German Shepherd litters born after 1.1.99 and where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must show results of x-rays for hips and elbows, and a haemophilia result for the males.

7.7.2 ROTTWEILERS

For litters of Rottweilers born after 1.1.99 and where the parents have been born after 1.1.97, these parents must show results of x-rays for hips and elbows.

7.7.3 BEDLINGTON TERRIERS

Litters born as from 1st January, 2000 will be eligible for registration on the main register only if both parents have been tested for copper toxicosis.

7.7.4 AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERDS

For all Australian Shepherd litters, where the parents have been born after 1st July, 2001, these parents must be radiographed and assessed for hip dysplasia as a prerequisite to registration of any litter.

7.7.5 LABRADOR RETRIEVERS

Breeders will be required to have parents of all litters, where the parents themselves were whelped on or after 1st January, 2002, radiographed and assessed for hip & elbow dysplasia as a prerequisite to registration of any litter.

7.7.6 GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

Breeders will be required to have parents of all litters, where the parents themselves were whelped on or after 1st January, 2002, radiographed and assessed for hip dysplasia as a prerequisite to registration of any litter.

7.8 REGISTRATION OF DOGS GOT BY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

7.8.1 The registration of a dog bred by Artificial insemination using fresh or chilled semen collected and inseminated in Australia shall for the purposes of registration be treated as a normal mating. The sire must be registered with another Controlling Body or the NACA and dam is registered with the NACA and the owner of the sire has signed the stud service certificate.

7.8.2 The registration of a dog bred by Artificial Insemination using frozen semen collected and inseminated in Australia or frozen or chilled semen imported into Australia may be registered providing :

- (a) the semen was previously registered in accordance with regulations
- (b) a Certificate from the inseminating vet is provided on the form approved by the Council
- (c) the Stud Service Certificate being signed by the registered owner of the semen

7.8.3 A dog registered within the provisions of rule 7.9.2 shall have the words 'semen' and the country of origin of that semen, if not Australia, in an abbreviated form, after the name of the sire on the Registration Form, (i.e. Semen – UK).

7.8.4 The provision of rule 7.5.5 regarding initial registration of puppies also applies to puppies produced by Artificial Insemination.

7.9 RE-REGISTRATION

7.9.1 An original Certified Pedigree, issued by the Control with which the dog was last registered, must be submitted with any application to re-register a dog on the NT Main Register, unless otherwise decided by Council.

7.9.2 Greyhounds will be re-registered on the production of the original Greyhound Racing Association documentation.

7.9.3 Applications for the re-registration of imported dogs or dogs brought into the Northern Territory from other countries or States, must be supported by the production of Export or other Certificates and/or such evidence of identity as Council may require.

7.9.4 Where a dog is being exhibited on a casual basis (i.e. travelling with its registered owner for a period of not more than 90 days), re-registration is not required.

7.9.5 Where a dog is in the hands of a Territory Resident not its registered owner for the purpose of being campaigned for any title, the Territory resident acting as agent for the registered owner must produce a letter of authority from said owner to the NACA Office before the dog can be exhibited. Also refer 7.19.

7.9.6 Where a dog has been imported into the Northern Territory for approval prior to purchase or prior to final paperwork being received by the NACA Office the Territory resident has a period of 60 days to exhibit said dog prior to re-registration under the following conditions - :

- (a) a letter of authorisation from the owner must be submitted to the NACA Office prior to exhibiting

7.9.7 Where a dog is brought into Australia for the purpose of exhibition in four (4) or more shows, the following procedure may be adopted.

- (a) Prior to exhibition the dog must be re-registered with the NACA in the name of the registered owner or lessee, care of the address at which it will temporarily reside in Australia
- (b) any points towards the title of "Champion" awarded to an overseas registered dog not registered in Australia shall not be recognised.
- (c) This policy shall not preclude recognition of points awarded to any dog brought into Australia specifically for exhibition at one (1) Show, however, such dog must be registered prior to the title "Champion" being awarded.

7.10 REFUSAL OR CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

7.10.1 The NACA may refuse any application for registration of a dog and may cancel, suspend, correct or amend any registration at any time and for any reason which it considers proper and shall not be bound to assign any reason for doing.

7.10.2 A dog over the age of six (6) months shall not be accepted as physically entire unless two (2) apparently normal testes have fully descended into the scrotum. The registration of any dog rejected for this reason at any Exhibition shall be suspended until it can be proved to the satisfaction of Council, that it is physically entire.

7.10.3 An application for the review of any registration cancelled in accordance with rule 7.11.2 may be made up until the dog reaches twelve (12) months of age, providing such application is supported by declarations from two (2) qualified veterinary officers, indicating the dog is entire without surgical or other artificial interference which is calculated to deceive, or is capable of deceiving.

7.10.4 On attaining the age of twelve (12) months, any dog which is not physically entire in accordance with rule 7.11.2 shall have its registration cancelled permanently. Any dog suspended in accordance with rule 7.11.2 shall not be accepted for Stud purposes and any litters sired by such dogs will not be accepted for entry in the General Register.

7.10.5 A dog which is not entire (and entire dog is one which has two (2) apparently normal testes fully descended in the scrotum), may be registered in the Limited Register and therefore may compete in Field, Retrieving, Obedience or other Trials, but not in a Conformation Exhibition.

7.10.6 The owner of any dog used at Stud may be called upon at any time to provide proof of the dog's entire condition to Council.

7.11 RECTIFICATION OF ERRORS

7.11.1 Notice of any mistake in any application for entry in the records of the NACA must be given in writing as soon as possible after it has been discovered, and thereupon, the mistake may be rectified.

7.12 BREEDERS RECORDS

7.12.1 It shall be the duty of each Breeder of dogs to keep a proper record of his breeding activities, such record and the kennels of the dogs to be made available to inspection by any person appointed for that purpose by Council.

7.12.2 Random checks may be made at any time.

7.13 DISPUTED/UNKNOWN PARENTAGE

7.13.1 DNA Tests

Where the parentage of a dog or litter is disputed or uncertain NACA may direct that DNA testing be carried out and determine arrangements relating to such testing.

7.13.2 DNA Costs

Where NACA directs that DNA testing be carried out, NACA shall determine liability for the costs incurred.

7.13.3 DNA Registration

NACA shall direct what action is to be taken in regard to registration based on the results of DNA testing.

7.13.4 DNA Suspension of Progeny

Where it is found by DNA testing that the registered sire or dam incorrect then all progeny shall be immediately suspended.

7.13.5 DNA Breeder Declaration

Where through DNA testing it is found a certain dog may qualify as the sire or dam of a litter then the breeder shall submit a statutory declaration that no other animal other than those tested could have been the sire or dam.

7.14 NOTICE OF DEATHS

7.14.1 It shall be the duty of the owner to inform the Administration Officer in writing, on the prescribed form, of the death of a registered dog within thirty (30) days of such death.

7.15 ASSOCIATE REGISTER

7.15.1 A separate register will be maintained for un-registered pure bred and mixed breed dogs defined as "Associate Dogs" for the purpose of competition in Trialling Events, except where Associate Dogs are precluded by the Rules of a specific Trial or Event.

7.15.2 The registration of all dogs in the “Associate” Register shall be recorded under “common name” only. The Registration Certificate shall evidence the following: -

- (a) Breed Type “Associate”
- (b) Name of dog and registration number
- (c) Registered number shall be prefixed by the letters “AR” evidencing “Associate” Register
- (d) Sex
- (e) Colour
- (f) Sire “unknown”
- (g) Dam “unknown”
- (h) Date of registration
- (i) Owner’s name, address and membership number

7.16 TRANSFERS

7.16.1 (a) When the ownership of a registered dog has been changed, or a lease arranged, the transferor or Lessor as the case may be shall lodge with the NACA within one (1) calendar month and application to register the transfer or lease.

- (b) The pedigree must not be given to the new owner until it has been transferred in accordance with these rules.

7.16.2 The application for registration of a transfer or lease shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee as set out in the scale of fees and must be signed by ALL registered owners of the dog.

7.16.3 The application for registration of a transfer or lease of a dog shall be signed by the transferor or Lessor as the case may be.

7.16.4 (a) Any special conditions appertaining to the transfer or lease of a registered dog shall be set out on a Statutory Declaration and shall be signed by both the transferor and transferee or Lessor and lessee, as the case may be.

- (b) Should any dispute arise or any other consideration become necessary in relation to or of such special conditions the Council shall have power (but shall not in any circumstances be or become bound) to enter into or decide any such dispute or other consideration and may decline to do so in any circumstances without assigning any reason therefore.

7.16.5 On the expiration of any lease all legal and equitable interests in the dog concerned shall automatically revert to the Lessor.

7.16.6 A prescribed penalty shall be imposed on any vendor who fails to effect the transfer or ownership of any dog sold or given by him.

7.17 EXPORT CERTIFICATES

7.17.1 At the discretion of Council, an Export Certificate may be issued in respect of a dog leaving the Northern Territory for a destination outside Australia provided : -

- (a) The prescribed form of application is completed by the vendor who shall be responsible for the payment of the fee: and
- (b) In the case of a male dog, a certificate shall be in one (1) or other of the following forms;-
 - (i) a certificate by a qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that he has examined the dog identified to him by the vendor as the dog to be exported and that the dog has two (2) apparently normal testes fully descended fully into the scrotum; or
 - (ii) a certificate by the vendor that the prospective owner of the dog has been informed that both testes are not fully descended in the scrotum and that notwithstanding this, the prospective purchaser still requires the dog to be forwarded to him.
- (c) In the event of a dog not having both testes fully descended in the scrotum, the Export Pedigree will be endorsed to that effect.
- (d) All dogs being exported must be microchipped before being exported.

7.18 LETTER OF AUTHORITY

7.18.1 The letter of authority as referred to in Section 7 must include the following :

- the full name and registration number/s of the dog/s
- the full name and addresses of said owner/s of the above dog/s
- the letter must be clearly dated
- the letter must be signed by said owner/s

7.18.2 The letter of authority will be valid up to 60 days only