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BASIC COURSE FOR BREEDERS

- **Your Prefix Application will take approximately twelve (12) weeks for approval.**
- **Apply for your Prefix in plenty of time before mating your bitch.**
- **As of 30th June 2016: Prefixes will only be issued to members who have had six (6) months of continuous membership with DogsNT or a recognized ANKC affiliate.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE BREEDER'S COURSEBOOK

1. Ensure your details are clearly marked on the course book and that all contact details are included.
2. Payment must be made prior to or at the same time as submission.
3. Incomplete sections will receive no score.
4. Passing score is 85%.
5. For questions that require YES/NO answers - please place an **X** in the box allowing you to select YES or NO.
6. You may use additional paper to complete the form. Clearly nominate the question and write your answer on the paper.
7. The completed workbook and exam must be submitted together to DogsNT.

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If a Prefix is to bein joint names **BOTH** parties must complete and submit a separate exam paper. Attach both exam papers to the one Prefix Application form.

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| FULL NAME | |
| SIGNATURE | |
| MEMBERSHIP NUMBER | |
| BREED | |
| ADDRESS | |

The answers to most of the questions in the following Open Book Questionnaire can be found in the Breeders Education Booklet.

Please ensure that you read **the entire Booklet** carefully and understand fully what you have read.

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| DATE RECEIVED | |
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WHY BREED?

1. What must be our first consideration in breeding?

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2. Should you attempt to breed from a dog of poor type in order to recoup financial outlay?

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3. What three (3) major considerations would you be sure your dogs possessed in order to confidently breed a litter?

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Answer the following question by placing an X in one (1) box

4. In breeding purebred dogs do you:

- a) Want to breed quality dogs?
- b) Want to make profits?
- c) Want to let children see a litter born?
- d) Want your bitch to have a litter before being spayed?
- e) Want to share the joy your bitch has brought to you

HEALTH & CARE OF BREEDING STOCK

5. What special attention should the bitch receive up to and immediately prior to breeding?

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6. What is the main cause of lack of conception?

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Answer the following questions by placing an X in one (1) box

7. Is it appropriate for the bitch to have her first litter?

- a) On her first season?
- b) At maturity?
- c) Under 12 months?
- d) Over six years?

8. What is the gestation period (term of pregnancy) in dogs?

- a) Approximately 9 weeks?
- b) Approximately 90 days?
- c) Approximately 9 months?
- d) Between 30-35 days

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HEREDITARY DISEASES

9. Which heritable defects are known to most commonly affect your own breed?

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10. What steps should you take to ensure that you will not be the breeder of affected stock?

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11. What steps should you take if one of your own dogs or a dog bred by you develops a serious hereditary defect?

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GENETICS

12. Complete the following:

a) BEGETS LIKE

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b) BEGETS QUALITY

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c) Which genes can appear in visible form in each second generation?

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d) Which factors suppress the expression of recessive factors?

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Answer the following questions by placing an X in one (1) box

13. What proportion of the pup's genetic material is derived from its mother?

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| a) 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> | b) 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) All | <input type="checkbox"/> | d) None | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Answer questions 14 – 16 YES or NO

14. Should you breed a dog and a bitch with the same genetic faults?

- YES
- NO

15. If any close ancestors of your dog or bitch have died young or from some serious inherited defect, should you breed from them?

- YES
- NO

16. Should you inform prospective puppy purchasers about hereditary problems in your breed?

- YES
- NO

THE BROODBITCH

17. Which four major features must be present in a breeding bitch of stud ability?

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18. Why does the brood bitch have more influence on her puppies than the sire?

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THE STUD DOG

19. What particular features will you require in the dog that you will mate your own bitch in order to overcome her major shortcomings?

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20. How will you be able to predict the possibility of an unused stud dog being able to provide the features you want in your pups?

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Answer the following question YES or NO

21. Should you purchase a good dog and then put it over a mediocre bitch?

YES

NO

Answer the following question by placing an X in one (1) box

22. In choosing the stud dog should he:

a) Excel in breed type and soundness

b) Have imported ancestors

c) Be known to sire large litters

d) Have won a ribbon last week

CONCEPTION, PREGNANCY & WHELPING

Answer the following question by placing an X in one (1) box

23. Is the first day of your bitch's season when?
- a) You notice your male taking more notice than usual
 - b) First show of colour
 - c) When the Vulva swells

24. Should you exercise your bitch in the latter stages of pregnancy?

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Answer questions 25 - 28 YES or NO

25. Should you breed an obese or unfit bitch?
- YES
- NO
26. Should the bitch be bred on consecutive seasons?
- YES
- NO
27. Should you breed with an orphaned or hand-reared pup if you do not know the background circumstances?
- YES
- NO
28. Should you breed a dog or bitch with an aggressive temperament?
- YES
- NO

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29. After mating, how long does it take for the eggs to mature?

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30. What is the average lapse of time between show of colour and mating?

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31. Is a maiden bitch is best mated to an inexperienced male dog?

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32. Describe a well-designed whelping box (attach your drawing if preferred)

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33. What are the first signs that whelping is imminent?

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Answer the following question by placing an X in one box

34. How long should you allow your bitch to labour over the birth of a puppy before calling the Vet?

- a) One hour
- b) Three Hours
- c) Five Hours
- d) Twenty-Four Hours

35. Should bitches be allowed to eat placentas?

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36. Within what time after whelping is colostrum available to the puppies from the bitch?

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WEANING, SELECTION AND SALE OF PUPPIES

37. At what age should weaning commence?

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38. When should worming take place?

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Answer the following question by placing an X in one (1) box

39. At what age should puppies first be vaccinated?

- e) Five weeks
- f) Six weeks
- g) Eight weeks
- h) Twelve weeks

40. At what age do puppies teeth begin to occur?

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41. At what age can your puppy leave home?

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42. What are some of the things you can do to socialize puppies before they leave home?

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43. What important things should you ascertain from the buyers of your pups?

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44. What information and paperwork should be provided to the purchaser of one of your pups?

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PLEASE NOTE: Under **NACA Rule 7.16**, the Breeder must not give a new owner the pups/dogs signed registration papers.

In the Northern Territory, the Breeder is required to lodge the transfer of ownership for the puppy/dog with the DogsNT Office themselves.

45. Would you offer a submissive puppy to a family with boisterous children?

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