

Breeder Committee Charter

1. Purpose

To make recommendations to Management Committee via the Pedigree Dogs Lead Committee and have input to other standing subcommittees on matters relating to breeders registered with Dogs Victoria including:

- a. Dogs Victoria Constitution, Rules, Regulations, Codes of Practice and supporting materials relating to breeding are current, effective, in line with leading practice;
- b. Promotion and protection of the interests of breeders;
- c. Professional development (mentoring, information, education, etc.) for breeders;
- d. Promotion and recognition options for breeders, for example breeder of merit programs;
- e. Oversight of the Field Officer program, as it relates to breeder activities;

2. Committee Membership

- a. The Committee shall be made up of at least five (5) but no more than eight (8) Dogs Victoria members appointed by Dogs Victoria Management Committee.
- b. The Committee may elect its chair and Deputy Chair from within the Committee annually.
- c. New members – either the Committee Chair or Management Committee shall request a “CV” detailing relevant experience for approval by Management Committee prior to the appointment being confirmed.
- d. Members of the Committee shall:
 - Hold a registered breeder prefix which has been continuously held for a minimum of ten (10) years, and
 - Actively participate in Dogs Victoria events, and
 - Have either (with at least 80% of Committee members meeting criteria (a):
 - a. Bred a minimum of twenty (20) dogs who have earned titles (any ANKC title) with a minimum of fifteen (15) at a Champion or higher level in any eligible discipline; or
 - b. Hold a veterinary qualification and have bred at least three (3) litters, producing at least two (2) at a Champion or higher level in any eligible discipline, and
 - Be a member of a Dogs Victoria Affiliated Club or hold a position on a Dogs Victoria Committee, and
 - Be acknowledged by their peers as having contributed positively as a breeder or to the breeding community over many years.
- e. Committee Members may be removed and/or replaced by the Management Committee
- f. The appointment of all Committee Members shall be for a period of three years, subject to annual review by Management Committee.

3. Meeting Frequency

- a. The Committee shall meet as often as required to conduct business as outlined in “Purpose” above;
- b. Meetings will be held either face to face or by email where appropriate at all times ensuring that the purpose of the meeting called is achieved whatever is used;
- c. The Committee may request the attendance of Management Committee Members as long as 14 days notice is given.

4. Matters for Dogs Victoria Management Committee

- a. The minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded the Pedigree Dogs Lead Committee within seven days of ratification;
- b. Actions for the Management Committee should be placed on a face sheet attached to the minutes and forwarded to the Pedigree Dog Lead Committee.

5. Other Matters

- a. The Committee shall provide a report for the Annual Report by 15 December of each year.
- b. The Chair shall participate in meetings of the Pedigree Dog Lead Committee.

6. Location of Meetings

That the committee considers where members reside when deciding where meetings are held.

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