

# Canine Health & Wellbeing Committee Charter

## 1. Purpose

- a. To improve canine health through the reduction of the incidence of hereditary diseases, and through improvements in other health issues.
- b. To educate the members on the problems of hereditary diseases and the means of attacking those problems.
- c. To promote, initiate and monitor control programs to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases in Dogs.
- d. To coordinate in such programs the activities of:
  - i. Dogs Victoria
  - ii. breed clubs
  - iii. individual bodies
  - iv. veterinary bodies
- e. To develop and maintain liaison with the ANKC Hereditary Diseases Committee for coordination of activities and mutual support of initiatives and programs.
- f. To advise the Management Committee, staff and members on technical/scientific matters relevant to canine health.
- g. To develop and conduct action programs relating to canine health matters as desirable for the benefit of Dogs and resolution of related problems.
- h. To provide advice on relevant policies and procedures affecting the health and welfare of dogs.
- i. To appoint working parties for specific tasks as appropriate.
- j. To co-opt the services of other members or persons as appropriate.

## 2. Committee Membership

- a. The Committee shall be made up of Dogs Victoria members who have been appointed by Dogs Victoria Management Committee.
- b. 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
- c. Appointed Committee Members may be removed and/or replaced by the Management Committee.
- d. The appointment of all Committee Members shall be for a period of one year and subject to annual review by Management Committee.
- e. Management Committee shall appoint the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

## 3. Meeting Frequency

- a. The Committee shall meet as often as it determines necessary but not less frequently than on a quarterly basis.
- b. The Committee may request the attendance of the CE or Management Committee Members as long as 14 days' notice is given.

## 4. Matters for Dogs Victoria Management Committee

- a. The minutes of each Committee meeting shall be forwarded to the Pedigree Dogs Lead Committee within seven days of ratification.

- b. Actions for Dogs Victoria Management Committee should be placed on a face sheet attached to the minutes and forwarded to the Pedigree Dogs 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.

**Office/Committee Liaison – TBA**