

New regulation 4.1.3.8.4

Shortened Tails Registration Process (Regulation 4.1.3.8.3 refers)

A Dogs Victoria member who wishes to register a dog with a docked, tipped or otherwise shortened tail here in after “docked” tail must establish to the satisfaction of the CE:

- That the dog was whelped in Victoria and that the tail was docked prior to 10 December 2007; **OR**
- Where the dog was whelped other than in Victoria, that the tail was docked in accordance with the legislation of the country or state of birth current at the time of that dog’s whelping.

A member of Dogs Victoria, who wishes to exhibit a dog with a docked tail at a conformation show or participate in any other VCA-sanctioned event must prior to entering the ring:

1. Apply for a *Docked Tail Notification Card* by completing and submitting to the CE, an *Application for Docked Tail Notification card*, (available on the Dogs Victoria website or from the Dogs Victoria office upon request) together with the required fee;
2. Present the card for inspection to a show official, such as a ring steward, at all VCA sanctioned conformation shows **prior to** entering the ring for judging.

The Docked Tail Notification (DTN) Card must be carried and presented for inspection upon request made by an event official whilst the dog is present at that event or upon VCA premises.

Failure to present the correct card will result in the dog being ineligible to compete in that show or event.

The following information must be accompanied with the application for registration of a dog with a docked tail.

A: Where the prohibited procedure was lawfully carried out by a veterinary surgeon as provided for in The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (Victoria) 1986 as amended from time to time:

1. Tail Injury Notification Form
2. Statutory Declaration from the veterinarian carrying out the procedure stating the reason for shortening the tail and that the procedure was in accordance with the laws of that state.

B: Where a dog is imported from New Zealand with a shortened tail:

1. New Zealand Primary Industries Export Certificate issued prior to **the dog** departing New Zealand
2. Import fee tax invoice issued by the airlines in Australia for every animal shipment
3. Airways bill for the shipment
4. NZ Accredited Tail docking certificate

A dog with a shortened tail imported from a country other than New Zealand must upon application for registration provide all documentation required by ANKC regulations Section 3.