



Extract of Regulations DNA Parentage Testing - April 2025

The Dogs Victoria Management Committee recently approved amendments to the Regulations relating to the introduction of DNA Parentage Verification requirements for litters whelped from 1st January 2025.

*The changes are shown below in **BOLD***

PART 4 REGULATIONS - REGISTERS AND REGISTRATIONS

4.1 REGISTERS

4.1.3 REGISTRATIONS

4.1.3.1 A dog shall not be registered except with the approval of and by direction of Management Committee.

4.1.3.1.1 A member who breeds a litter of dogs, the parents of which are registered or eligible for Main Register ANKC registration, must apply to register such litter. (15/09/19)

4.1.3.1.2 The member shall apply to register all puppies bred by that member that are living at the date of registration at one and the same time. Such registration must include all puppies from the litter on the one litter registration application form. (15/09/19)

4.1.3.1.3 Registration should be applied for within three (3) calendar months of the date of whelping. (15/09/19)

4.1.3.1.4 Registration applied for after three (3) months, but up to and including eighteen (18) months, requires Management Committee approval, and an additional fee may apply. Such approval may be delegated to the **Chief Executive Office Operations Manager**. (15/04/25)

4.1.3.1.5 No registration application will be processed outside eighteen (18) months of the date of whelping. (15/09/19)

4.1.3.1.6 Applications for registration of litters whelped on or after 1 January 2026 will not be processed until Dogs Victoria has received a DNA Parentage Verification Report that qualifies the puppies as being from the Sire and Dam. This requirement applies to registration applications on both the Main and Limited Registers. (15/04/25)

4.1.3.1.7 The breeder of a litter must ensure that either DNA profiles for both the Sire and Dam are available at the time of mating, or that DNA samples are collected from each parent and submitted for testing no later than the time at which DNA samples from the puppies in that litter are submitted for testing. (15/04/25)

4.1.3.1.8 In line with the Dogs Australia protocols for DNA testing, DNA sample collection for the purposes of parentage verification must be performed by an approved, independent collector. Identification of the dog by microchip or unique tattoo is required and it must be verified by the approved collector at the time of DNA collection and recorded on the appropriate form. (15/04/25)

4.1.3.4 A member shall not be entitled to effect the initial registration of a dog unless that person is the breeder of such dog and is the registered owner of a Prefix and is a resident of the State.

4.1.5.7 No dog shall be registered or litter recorded unless the breeder has registered a stud prefix **prior to undertaking the breeding** and this prefix shall be the only prefix permitted in the full name of the dog. (15/10/21)

Dogs Victoria members are governed by our Constitution, Rules, Regulations, Codes, Policies, and Procedures.

The Dogs Victoria Regulations are regularly amended by the Management Committee. Changes are announced in the monthly Gazette and updated on the Dogs Victoria website, so members should always check the website for the latest version.

To read the regulations in their entirety, please refer to the latest version of the Regulations published on the Dogs Victoria website.

Reminder:

In these regulations 'VCA' or 'Victorian Canine Association' refers to Dogs Victoria and "ANKC" refers to Dogs Australia.