

Minimum Breeding Age for Bitches and for Dogs (male)
Minimum age at which a Bitch or Dog (male) may be *mated* (Amended 15/11/26, 15/06/24)

The age is calculated in the same way as for conformation classes. See also DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulations Part 5 Section 1 Regulation 1.2 which states:

1.2 To calculate the age of dogs for entry into breed classes where the date of birth does not occur in the relevant month, the anniversary date be taken as the last date of that month, e.g. dogs born on 31 January will be eligible to enter the baby puppy class on 30 April. **(06/95, 30.1.2)**

Note also DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulations Part 6 Section 8 Regulation 8.2 which states:

8.2 The minimum breeding age for bitches across all breeds is 12 months at the time of mating. This regulation is not intended to reduce minimum age requirement for breeding set out in the Code of Ethics of Member Bodies and the Rules of National Breed Councils and/or Breed Clubs. **(Added 10/10, 6.7 (Amended EAP 07/11))**

BITCHES

12 Months

All Other Breeds (15/08/24), (15/06/24),
(15/01/24), (15/12/18)

16 Months

Border Terrier
French Bulldog

18 Months

Akita Inu
Alaskan Malamute
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Kelpie
Australian Terrier
Basset Hound
Beagle
Bearded Collie (15/02/19)
Bedlington Terrier - applies to bitches born after
01.01.2000
Border Collie
Borzoi
Boston Terrier
Boxer
Bullmastiff - applies to bitches born after
01.06.2011
Cane Corso
Chow Chow
Curly Coated Retriever
Dalmatian
Deerhound
Dobermann
Dogue De Bordeaux
English Setter (15/02/19)
Finnish Lapphund
Flat Coated Retriever - applies to bitches born
after 01.01.2002
German Shepherd Dog (16/10/05)
German Shorthaired Pointer
Golden Retriever - applies to bitches born on or
after 01.01.2002
Gordon Setter (15/06/24)
Griffon Bruxellois
Hungarian Vizsla

Labrador Retriever (30/06/16), (01/01/20)

Miniature Pinscher
Pekingese
Pharaoh Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Samoyed
Schipperke
Schnauzer (Miniature)
Scottish Terrier
Shih Tzu
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Weimaraner
Weimaraner [Longhair]

20 Months

Bernese Mountain Dog
Mastiff
Schnauzer (Giant)

22 Months

Anatolian Shepherd Dog
Leonberger
Neapolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Pyrenean Mastiff
Rottweiler - applies to bitches born after
01.01.1997
Spanish Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff

24 Months

Afghan Hound (15/01/24)
Australian Shepherd
Azawakh
Cocker Spaniel [American]
Great Dane
Irish Wolfhound
Lhasa Apso
Old English Sheepdog
Pyrenean Mountain Dog
Russian Black Terrier
Saluki