



As a breeder, you want to be doing everything right, but it can be confusing when there are quite a few things you need to do to meet all of the requirements of both Dogs Victoria and the Victorian State Government.

To help our breeders, Dogs Victoria has prepared a checklist for each step of the breeding process - from becoming a breeder with Dogs Victoria through to selling your puppies.

*To help you even more, Dogs Victoria have prepared a set of template documents to make it easier for you to meet many of the requirements.*

*The requirements with template documents are **highlighted** below.*

## 1. Local Council Requirements

- All of your animals are registered with your Local Council
- You have an Excess Animal Permit (if required)
- Dog breeding activities are permitted under your property's zoning rules
- You have a Planning Permit (if required)

## 2. Dogs Victoria Breeder Prefix Requirements

- You have been a member for at least 12 months
- You have completed the Dogs Victoria **Breeder Education Package** and passed the assessment
- You have applied for your Breeder Prefix and have received **written confirmation** that your Prefix has been granted
- If your Prefix was granted **more than 12 months ago**, you have paid your prefix and membership renewal fees

## 3. Before you breed your litter

- You have applied for a **source number** with the [Pet Exchange Register](#) (if your source number was issued more than 12 months ago, you will need to renew it to ensure it is current at the time of your planned litter)
- You have a **Veterinary Services Agreement** with one or more vets
- You have a written **Breeder Health Management Plan**
- You have defined some breeding goals and developed a breeding plan
- You have set up your breeder record keeping system

## 4. Your Breeding Female

- Your breeding female is registered on the Dogs Australia **Main Register** (blue papers)
- She is registered in your name or you have a lease agreement in place (completed on the back of her papers)
- She has reached the **Minimum Breeding Age** for your breed (as defined in the Dogs Victoria Regulations)
- All of her breed specific health testing has been completed and any health screening certificates are current
- If this is her first litter, she has a '**Clearance to Commence Breeding**' certificate
- She has had a **Veterinary Health Check** in last 12 months
- If she will be 8 years or older at the time of breeding she has had a **Veterinary Breeding Clearance Certificate - 8 years and older** issued within the last 3 months

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## Breeders and Breeding

# Breeder Check List



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### 5. Stud Dog

- Your chosen stud dog is registered on the Dogs Australia **Main Register** (blue papers) and is the same breed/variety as your female
- **All** of the Stud Dog's owners are **current financial members** of their state's controlling body
- Your chosen stud dog has undergone all of his **breed specific health testing** and any health screening certificates are current.
- The owner(s) of your chosen stud dog have provided you with copies of his health clearance results clearly showing the dog's microchip number.
- You have a written **Stud Agreement** prior to the mating taking place
- Your chosen stud dog has had a **Veterinary Health Check** in the last 12 months
- He is not a first generation relation (i.e. father, brother, son) of your breeding female

### 6. When you have a Litter

- Your proposed breeding complies with any [Dogs Australia Litter Registration Limitations](#) or breed specific restrictions.
- Your proposed breeding complies with the Victorian State Government's [Code of Practice for the Breeding of Animals with Heritable Defects that Cause Disease](#)
- You make sure that you keep comprehensive Litter Records
- You ensure that the mother of the litter has a **Post Whelping Veterinary Health Check**
- Your litter is raised in line with the standards outlined within the **Dogs Victoria Breeder Education Booklet**
- Every puppy undergoes a veterinary health check, is vaccinated and microchipped prior to sale.
- Your Litter Registration paperwork is lodged with Dogs Victoria **within 3 months of whelping**, with all of the required documentation and signatures
- Any advertising you do complies with [State Government](#) and [Dogs Victoria](#) requirements
- You provide a written **Breeder Health Declaration** for each puppy at time of sale
- All new owners are provided with the required information and documentation and you keep copies of all documentation for your records
- You adhere to all of the **Sale Guarantee** requirements
- You offer continued advice and reasonable assistance with puppy purchasers



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