



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2024

If previously held membership with Dogs Vic or another state body, please provide member no. (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** On joining, fees will be calculated on a pro-rata basis to the next renewal period (Membership renewals are due each March in line with VCA rule 2.15.1).

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

Joining Fee \$53.50 plus membership fee

**Ordinary Membership** (One applicant, full membership benefits)

**Concession Membership** (Copy of Govt issued concession card required)

**Joint Membership** (Two applicants over 18yrs at same address)

**Concession Joint** (Two concession card holders who reside at the same address, copy required)

**Associate Membership** (interstate applicant, who also holds membership in own state)

**Junior Membership** (Aged 7-18 years. Must reference full member at same address)

Full member number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Companion** (For use of grounds and includes 1 free Limited dog transfer)

**Secondary** (must reside with a full membership holder)

Full member number: \_\_\_\_\_

**All applicants must provide Photo ID with address verification.**

- A Driver's licence with current address OR
- Passport/photo+ address document i.e., utility, rates/rental agreement.

**Junior member only:**

- Medicare card or birth certificate accepted.



Digital version of the Dogs Victoria Magazine and Gazette are available on the website  
<https://dogsvictoria.org.au/members/magazine/>  
<https://dogsvictoria.org.au/members/gazette/>

**TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> APPLICANT</b>  |  | <b>***PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY***</b>                                |  |
| Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mstr. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |  |  |  |
| Surname: _____   |  | Given Name: _____  |  |
| Residential address (required):  |  |  |  |
| State: _____   |  | Postcode: _____ Council Area: _____ Country (if overseas): _____ |  |
| Postal address (if different to residential):  |  |  |  |
| State: _____   |  | Postcode: _____ Country (if overseas): _____                     |  |
| Mobile: _____  |  | Home: _____ Business: _____                                      |  |
| Email: _____   |  |  |  |
| What breed do you own: _____   |  |  |  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> APPLICANT (Joint applicant only)</b>   |  |  |  |
| <i>Must reside at same address as 1<sup>st</sup> Applicant (both applicants required to sign declaration on page 2).</i>   |  |  |  |
| Last name: _____   |  | Given name(s): _____   |  |
| Mobile: _____  |  | Home: _____ Business: _____                                      |  |
| Email: _____   |  |  |  |
| <b>JUNIOR APPLICANTS ONLY</b> (Junior must sign declaration on page 2)   |  |  |  |
| Date of birth: _____   |  |  |  |
| Parent or Guardian membership number (must reside at same address): _____  |  |  |  |
| Parent or Guardian signature: _____  |  |  |  |

**PLEASE NOTE:** APPLICATIONS FOR A REGISTERED BREEDERS PREFIX WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN HELD FOR MINIMUM 12 MONTHS WITH DOGS VIC OR ANKC LTD RECOGNISED BODY. BREEDERS PREFIX EXAM PASS AND PREFIX NAME REGISTRATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO BREEDING.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DECLARATION

I/We (named) \_\_\_\_\_ of (address) \_\_\_\_\_ applying for membership with the Victorian Canine Association Inc have read and understand the below and, I/we agree to be bound by the full Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Code of Practice, policies and procedures of Dogs Victoria and The Domestic Animals Act 1994, The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 and The Code of Practice for the Private Keeping of Dogs (*\*these documents can be obtained at [www.dogsvictoria.org.au](http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au) or from the office directly*).

I/We understand and agree to the requirements of being a member of an Applicable Organisation including the 51 Applicable Organisation membership conditions provided below and declare that I/We have no prior convictions under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, the associated Regulations or interstate equivalents.

If applicable, any convictions made against me/us have been documented and supplied attached herein for review by the Management Committee prior to acceptance of membership.

### Applicable Organisation membership conditions

#### Legislative requirements

1. Comply with all legislative requirements at all times, including the Domestic Animals Act 1994, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, and their associated regulations and Codes of Practice applying to the welfare, keeping, breeding and management of dogs and cats. Any breaches should be reported to the Applicable Organisation.
2. Be familiar with and comply with the Code of Practice for the Responsible Breeding of Animals with Heritable Defects that Cause Disease.
3. Be familiar with and comply with the Code of Practice for the Tethering of Animals, ensuring cats, puppies and pregnant, whelping and lactating bitches are never tethered, and that any tethering maintains the safety and welfare of the animal.
4. Register and microchip dogs and cats over three months of age with the local council, including animals that are for sale.
5. By 10 April each year, renew local council registrations of all dogs and cats that are still being kept.

#### Accommodation / Housing

6. Provide housing that prevents escape and guarantees the health, safety and welfare of animals, including protection from adverse environmental conditions and extreme weather.
7. Provide protection from disease, injury and distress.
8. Always provide adequate ventilation and sufficient space for animals to stand and move freely, including during transportation.
9. Ensure no part of a pen/cage floor area is made from suspended wire.
10. Ensure pens/cages are not stacked on top of one another.

#### Animal health

11. Provide prompt veterinary treatment to ill or injured animals.
12. Keep good levels of cleanliness and hygiene in premises where animals are kept.
13. Make every effort to control pests such as fleas, ticks, etc.
14. Treat animals regularly for internal and external parasites and vaccinate against common diseases.
15. Provide sufficient exercise to maintain animals' health and fitness.
16. Provide animals with a safe, balanced and complete diet and serve the food in clean containers.
17. Ensure animals have access to plenty of clean water in clean containers.

#### Banned procedures (ear cropping (dog)), tail docking (dog), debarking (dog), declawing (cat))

18. Do not allow any banned procedures to be carried out on any animals.
19. Do not show or exhibit any animal that has undergone a banned procedure.

#### Breeding

20. Ensure only healthy animals are used for breeding.
21. Keep proper records of all breeding activities and ensure these records are available for inspection by any person authorised by the organisation.

#### Code of Ethics

22. Follow the Applicable Organisation's approved Code of Ethics at all times.
23. Where reasonable, allow inspections of breeding premises by the Applicable Organisation to ensure compliance with the Applicable Organisation's Code of Ethics.
24. Keep accurate records of all animals (both kept and sold) and breeding operations, as specified in the Code of Ethics, for a minimum of 5 years.

#### Collars

25. Use of collars must be compliant with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019, which prohibits pronged collars, while electronic collars may only be used as specified.

#### Dog working & environmental conditions (not applicable to cat organisations)

26. Ensure dogs are not pushed beyond their natural abilities by administering drugs or medications to enhance performance.
27. Do not work dogs in conditions that may result in them suffering from negative health issues such as hypothermia, hyperthermia or dehydration.

#### Dog training (not applicable to cat organisations)

28. Ensure dogs are not trained or worked beyond their willingness and capabilities.
29. Ensure all training methods used are humane and do not cause undue fear, distress or pain.

#### Domestic animal businesses

30. If you have more than 10 relevant fertile females, register as a domestic animal business with the local council in which the business premises is located and apply to the Minister for Agriculture for commercial dog breeder approval.

#### Euthanasia

31. Ensure animals that must be destroyed are euthanised in a humane manner (i.e. by barbiturate overdose) by a suitably authorised person.
32. Ensure animals are not euthanised using blunt force trauma.



**Hereditary disease**

33. Take legitimate action to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases.

**Information sharing**

- 34. Note that an authorised officer may ask for membership details and any other relevant information held by an Applicable Organisation, and this information is legally required to be shared with said authorised officer to assist in regulatory activities.
- 35. Note that membership status may be shared with authorised officers of the council and/or RSPCA as well as the Secretary of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (i.e. the Department) after notification of a change in status resulting from resignation, disqualification, suspension or cancellation.

**Sale of animals**

- 36. Ensure no animal leaves the seller before 8 weeks of age.
- 37. Ensure dogs and cats sold or given away are implanted with a microchip by an authorised implanter, where information recorded on the microchip record must include the breeder's source number, and accompanied by a signed transfer of ownership form. Breeders are recommended to have the new owner fill out the transfer of ownership form on purchase and to send the form directly to the relevant Animal Registry Service.
- 38. Ensure dog and cat advertisements, for sale or for free, include each animal's full microchip number and the seller's source number, as well as the number of the council registered domestic animal business (DAB) where applicable.
- 39. Ensure dogs and cats sold have current vaccinations, with a valid certificate to be provided to the new owner.
- 40. Provide purchasers of desexed animals with a copy of the desexing certificate.
- 41. Provide new owners with literature about feeding, desexing, parasite control, health, housing, responsible pet ownership, current legislation regarding registration, training and socialisation of dogs, and vaccination.
- 42. Ensure all dogs and cats sold are accompanied with a breeder health declaration.
- 43. Accept a returned animal and refund 75% of the purchase price within three days of sale for any reason not supported by a veterinary practitioner.
- 44. Accept an animal returned within 21 days of sale and refund 100% of the purchase price if accompanied by a veterinary practitioner statement that the animal is unacceptable for health reasons.
- 45. Refund 100% of the purchase price where an animal is diagnosed with, suffering from, dies of, or is euthanised because of a physical defect or disease that is traceable to the point of sale within three years of purchase where the owner provides supporting statements from a veterinary practitioner.
- 46. Ensure animals sold or given away are in the best possible state of health.
- 47. Do not allow animals to be used as donations or prizes.

**Transport**

- 48. Transport animals in a safe and secure manner.
- 49. Do not transport animals in the boot of a sedan type car.
- 50. Tether or cage animals appropriately when on the back of a ute or trailer.
- 51. Provide animals with adequate ventilation and temperature control when travelling.

**I/We agree not to breed my dog(s) until the requirements to obtain a Registered Breeders Prefix have been met including holding membership for a minimum term of 12 months, passing the Breeders Education Program (Open Book Exam) and registering a Breeders Prefix name.**

**COMPLETION OF THE DOMESTIC ANIMAL BUSINESS QUESTION & ALL MEMBER SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED OR YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

**\*\*PRIOR TO BREEDING, A BREEDERS PREFIX MUST BE ACQUIRED FROM DOGS VICTORIA BY EXAM\*\***

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| Signature: _____   | Date: _____ |
| Signature (dual member): _____   | Date: _____ |
| I/We have a domestic Animal Business (response required): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, number is: _____  |             |
| My type of Domestic Animal Business is: <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Rearing |             |
| Pet Exchange Register Source Number eg. RB123456 (if applicable) _____   |             |

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| <b>PAYMENT DETAILS:</b>   |
| Payment type: <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order  |
| Name on card: _____   |
| Card number: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>  |
| Card holders signature: _____ Card expiry: ____/____/____ CCV: _____  |
| *Please note: Declined cheques or credit cards will be subject to additional fees.  |
| **This transaction incurs a \$2.20 Facility Fund Levy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tick here to OPT OUT of this facility fund<br>**The Facility Fund Levy contributes to the Dogs Victoria Facility Fund, which is 100% dedicated to the projects vital for the sustained operation of the KCC Park and Bulla facilities. Read more at: <a href="http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/frequently-asked-questions/">www.dogsvictoria.org.au/frequently-asked-questions/</a> by clicking the Facility Fund Levy title. |

Please ensure documents are legible and completed in full prior to submitting. Contact will be made in writing if incomplete forms are received or supporting documents are not attached, this may result in processing delays.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**What sort of dog do you have?**

- New Puppy     Older Dog     No Dog as Yet

What Breed? \_\_\_\_\_

**New Puppy**

Dogs Victoria has a host of information that might help you on our website

- New Puppy Guide
- New Puppy Fact Sheet
- Joining a Breed Club
- How to find a Training Club
- Dog Show - New Exhibitor Guide
- Dog Sport Information
- Transferring the Puppy into your Name
- Information on the different Registers
- Event Calendar

**Older Dog**

Are you looking to compete with you dog? Or are you already involved with a Club?

Please see our website for more information

- Joining a Breed Club
- How to find a Training Club
- Dog Show - New Exhibitor Guide
- Dog Sport Information
- Transferring the Dog into their name
- Information on the different Registers
- Event Calendar
- Rule Books

**No Dog as Yet**

Do you know what type of dog you are looking for?

Our website has information to assist

- Finding the Right Breed for you
- Fact Sheets - Before you get a dog
- Joining a Breed Club
- Dog Sport Information
- Information on the different Registers
- Event Calendar

Or you may like to google: Breed selector - short quiz online

**I want to become a Breeder**

- Yes     No

That's great! Dogs Victoria has a strong emphasis on promoting responsible breeding.

There are quite a few steps to becoming a Dogs Victoria Breeder, including an educational component and a minimum Membership requirement of 12 months. So it is important that you understand that you won't be eligible to breed any litters for **at least a year.**

Do you already have some breeding plans?

We have a number of resources on our website

- Breeder Resources Page on Website
- Breeder Education Package
- Breeder Fact Sheets
- Compliance & Law Fact Sheets
- Information on the different Registers
- Making sure they are the Registered Owner
- Joining a Breed Club
- Attending their Breed Standard

\*\*If you do not have a Pure-Breed dog, or are not planning on breeding Pure-Breed Dogs, then you should contact another organisation.

**Dogs Victoria does not encourage cross breeding**

\*\*If you already have breeding plans, it is important to understand that breeding a litter without a prefix is a breach of the Dogs Victoria Regulations.

Please check that any breeding plans do not breach Local Council Requirements so please ensure to check your Local Council website for more information.

**Would you like a call from Dogs Victoria staff?**

- Yes     No

Please advise best contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time between 9am until 5pm Monday to Friday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo ID must be supplied with this application**