



Breeder Check List



As a breeder, you want to be doing the right thing, but it can be confusing when there are so many 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 most up to date versions of the templates are always available on the [Breeder Resources](#) page of the Dogs Victoria website.

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 Requirements

- You have been a member for at least 12 months
- You have passed the Dogs Victoria Breeder Education Package 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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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
- Your proposed breeding complies with any **Dogs Australia Litter Registration Limitations** (listed in Part 6 of the Regulations) 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**

6. When you have a Litter

- 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 Package**
- 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

