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4 - REGISTERS AND REGISTRATIONS

4.1 REGISTERS

4.1.1 Management Committee shall keep and maintain the following Registers.

The Main Register
The Limited Register
The Associate Register
Breed Development or other Registers as determined by Management Committee from time to time.

4.1.2 All dogs must be registered with the DOGS AUSTRALIA or with a DOGS AUSTRALIA recognised controlling body, and their (15/08/10) registered owners financial members of Dogs Victoria or of an DOGS AUSTRALIA recognised controlling body before being eligible for entry for competition or exhibition or participation in any DOGS VICTORIA recognised activity. Members of another DOGS AUSTRALIA recognised Controlling Body competing in Victoria are bound by the Rules, Regulations, Codes and Policies of Dogs Victoria.

4.1.2.1 A member of Dogs Victoria shall not register a dog with a Registry Body not recognised by DOGS AUSTRALIA Ltd (unless an exemption is granted by Dogs Victoria). (15/11/17)

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 DOGS AUSTRALIA 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 Office Operations Manager. (Amended 15/04/25) (15/09/19)

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)

4.1.3.2 Management Committee may refuse an application for registration and/or cancel or suspend the registration of a dog and/or any litter or part litter if the criteria for registration in the appropriate Register has not been complied with and/or if correctness of the registration is in doubt.

4.1.3.3 Registration - DNA. Management Committee may accept the results of DNA testing as conclusive evidence of parentage for the purposes of registration.

4.1.3.4 A member shall not be entitled to affect 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.

4.1.3.5 The provisions of these Regulations do not apply to dogs being registered in the Associate Register. In these circumstances the person applying for registration does not have to be the breeder, nor are they required to be the registered owner of a Prefix. The person must be a member of Dogs Victoria and a resident of the State. (Amended 15/09/15)

4.1.3.6 The provisions of these Regulations do not apply to dogs being registered that are imported into Australia. The person applying for registration does not have to be the breeder, nor are they required to be the registered owner of a Prefix. The person must be a member of Dogs Victoria and a resident of the State. (Amended 15/09/15)

4.1.3.7 The provisions of these Regulations may not apply to dogs on a Development or other Register approved by Management Committee. Management Committee will establish separate regulations covering these Registers.

4.1.3.8 Unless Management Committee determines otherwise:

4.1.3.8.1 A dog shall be eligible for registration if the sire and dam are each of the same breed; and/or varieties or inter-varieties of a breed, and both are registered.

4.1.3.8.2 A dog shall be eligible for registration if the dog has been imported in dam and the sire and dam are eligible for registration as provided for in these Regulations.

4.1.3.8.3 A dog shall not be eligible for registration where the dog has a tail shortened by a procedure prohibited by Victorian State legislation, unless full documentation confirming that such shortening is in accordance with the legislation is provided with the application for registration. Such documentation must prove that:

4.1.3.8.3.1 The prohibited procedure was carried out before the commencement date of the prohibiting legislation; or

4.1.3.8.3.2 The prohibited procedure was carried out in a jurisdiction other than Victoria, in accordance with the law of that jurisdiction, and the dog was not, at any time on or before the procedure was carried out, resident in Victoria; or

4.1.3.8.3.3 The prohibited procedure was lawfully carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon as provided for by Victorian State legislation.

4.1.3.8.3.4 Shortened Tails Registration Process (Regulation 4.1.3.8.3 refers) (Amended 15/09/18)

A Dogs Victoria member who wishes to register a dog with a docked, tipped or otherwise shortened tail here in after "docked" tail must establish to the satisfaction of the CE:

- That the dog was whelped in Victoria and that the tail was docked prior to 10 December 2007; OR
- Where the dog was whelped other than in Victoria, that the tail was docked in accordance with the legislation of the country or state of birth current at the time of that dog's whelping.

A member of Dogs Victoria, who wishes to exhibit a dog with a shortened tail at a conformation show or participate in any other Dogs Victoria sanctioned event must:

1. Apply for a Shortened Tail Notification Card *b*y completing and submitting to the CE, an application for a Shortened Tail Notification card, (available on Dogs Victoria website or from Dogs Victoria office upon request) together with the required fee;
2. Carry the Shortened Tail Identification card and present the card for inspection upon request made by an event official whilst the dog is present at that event or upon Dogs Victoria premises.

Failure to present the correct card will result in the dog being ineligible to compete in that show or event.

When exhibiting a dog that is registered interstate, the exhibitor must carry suitable evidence that the tail has been lawfully shortened, and present this for inspection upon request made by an event official whilst the dog is present at that event. This may consist of the Shortened Tail Identification Card, Statutory Declaration from the veterinarian carrying out the procedure, or other relevant evidence as listed below.

If doubt exists about whether a tail has been shortened, and no evidence can be provided by the exhibitor, this must be reported to Dogs Victoria Rep and noted on the Rep's report. On review by Dogs Victoria, if the dog is noted in the DOGS AUSTRALIA database as a natural bob then the parties involved will be notified. If no notation exists, a panel of three judges as nominated by Dogs Victoria will be convened to inspect the dog. The judges may call for DNA test or x-ray at the expense of the owner. The dog may continue to compete whilst this process is completed. If it is determined that the tail has been shortened, then the dog will be ineligible to compete in any show or event until the shortened tails registration process is completed. The dog will be ineligible to retain any awards received. For interstate dogs no challenge or best of breed certificates will be issued until the investigation is complete.

Natural bob tailed dogs' exhibitors are encouraged to either carry a copy of the registered pedigree with the natural bob noted, or apply for an Identification Card via this process by attaching a copy of their registered pedigree as evidence.

The following information must be accompanied with the application for registration of a dog with a shortened tail unless application is made to the Management Committee and approval given:

A: Where the procedure was lawfully carried out in Australia by a veterinary surgeon:

1. Shortened Tail Identification Form
2. Statutory Declaration from the veterinarian carrying out the procedure stating the reason for shortening the tail and that the procedure was in accordance with the laws of that state.

B: Where a dog is imported from New Zealand with a shortened tail:

1. Shortened Tail Identification form and one of:

- A Statutory Declaration from the veterinarian carrying out the procedure stating the reason for shortening the tail and that the procedure was in accordance with the NZ legislation, or
- A Shortening certificate issued by an accredited bander under the NZKC quality assurance scheme, as recognized by the Ministry for Primary Industries Dogs – Animal Welfare Codes of Welfare (2010), and

2. Provide all documentation required by the DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulations, Part 6, Section 3.3

C: Where a dog is imported from a country other than New Zealand with a shortened tail:

1. Shortened Tail Identification Form and one of:
   - A Statutory Declaration from the veterinarian carrying out the procedure stating the reason for shortening the tail and that the procedure was in accordance with the legislation where shortening the tail is a restricted procedure, or
   - A statutory declaration from the previous owner of the dog advising that there is no restrictions on tail shortening in the country where the procedure was completed, and
2. Provide all documentation required by DOGS AUSTRALIA regulations Part 6 Section 3.2.

4.1.3.9 Where Management Committee is satisfied that there is a dispute between two or more members as to:-

4.1.3.9.1 the ownership of a dog;

4.1.3.9.2 any interest or alleged interest in a dog;

4.1.3.9.3 the registration of a dog; or

4.1.3.9.4 the registration status of a dog,

Management Committee may:-

4.1.3.9.5 where the dog is registered, suspend the registration of the dog; or

4.1.3.9.6 where the dog is not registered, suspend consideration of any application relating to that dog.

Upon Management Committee being satisfied that:-

4.1.3.9.7 it has received advice in writing from all parties to the dispute that the dispute has been resolved; or

4.1.3.9.8 the dispute has been finally determined by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction,

then:-

4.1.3.9.9 the suspension of any dog under Regulation 4.1.3.9.5 as a result of the dispute shall be revoked; and

4.1.3.9.10 the suspension of any application under regulation 4.1.3.9.6 as a result of the dispute shall be revoked.

4.1.3.10 Nothing contained in the preceding Regulation 4.1.3.9 shall preclude the Management Committee of Dogs Victoria or the Chief Executive from taking action against a member for a breach of the Constitution, Rules, Regulations, Codes. Policies or Procedures of Dogs Victoria.

4.1.3.11 Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations a dog brought into the State from outside Australia by a Member resident in the State whether as owner or lessee for the purpose of exhibition shall be registered with Dogs Victoria, prior to its exhibition.

4.1.3.12 A dog brought or sent into the State by a person who resides outside the State may be exhibited provided that the dog is registered in the name of a member of a recognised Australian or New Zealand Controlling Body.

4.1.3.13 Prior to any dog being granted a title by Dogs Victoria that dog must be registered in the appropriate register with Dogs Victoria and its owner become a member.

4.1.3.14 A Greyhound registered only with the Greyhound Racing Control Board may be registered with Dogs Victoria for exhibition purposes. If such a dog is subsequently mated to a DOGS VICTORIA registered dog progeny from such mating may be registered on the main register subject to a full Certified pedigree being available.

4.1.3.15 The registration of a dog shall be suspended for any period where the registered owner is not a financial member of Dogs Victoria or of a DOGS AUSTRALIA recognised controlling body.

4.1.3.16 The service declaration on the Litter Registration application form is to be signed by the owner/s of the sire/semen and provided to the registered owner of the bitch immediately upon satisfaction on the agreed conditions of use of the sire/semen. The signed Litter Registration application form is to be held by the registered owner of the bitch pending registration of the litter. (15/08/10) (15/05/15)

4.1.4 Registered Number

A number shall be allocated to each dog whelped in the State when registered with Dogs Victoria, and such number will form part of the dog's name.

4.1.5 Names

4.1.5.1 A dog of a breed shall not be registered with the same name as the prefix of another registered dog or with a name so similar to that of another registered dog which, in the opinion of Management Committee, would be likely to mislead or confuse.

4.1.5.2 No word that is in the nature of a prefix, and no stud name except the breeder's registered stud prefix, may be used, provided that in the case of dogs registered in other States or Countries, it shall be at the discretion of Management Committee as to whether or not the existing registered name may be required to be altered.

4.1.5.3 Management Committee may in its discretion refuse to register any name or part of name if it believes the name is objectionable or likely to confuse.

4.1.5.4 The name of a dog shall include the prefix, plus the common name and once a name is registered it shall not again be registered.

4.1.5.5 When a name is not acceptable and the owner of a dog omits to choose another name when requested to do so, the Chief Executive may name the dog.

4.1.5.6 Once a name has been registered and accepted, it shall not be altered unless directed by Management Committee.

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)

4.1.5.8 A registered dog shall not be described or referred to in any application or entry form other than by its complete registered name.

4.1.5.9 A dog initially registered in the Canine Register of any other State or Territory need not be re-registered upon transfer to Victoria.

4.1.5.10 An imported dog registered in a Canine Register kept by a Controlling Body in the country from which it was imported and recognised as such by Management Committee may be registered.

4.1.5.11 Reserved

4.1.5.12 A dog imported in dam or whelped

4.1.5.12.1 after its dam left the country from which it was imported and before the arrival of its dam in the State; it shall be deemed to have been imported; or

4.1.5.12.2 after the arrival of its dam in the State may be registered in the Register in accordance with the requirements of these Regulations as though it had been bred in the State; provided that its Sire and Dam have been re-registered with Dogs Victoria.

4.1.5.13 Deleted. (15/09/19)

4.1.6 Cancellation of Registration

4.1.6.1 Management Committee may refuse any application for entry in its records and may cancel any entry, or may strike from its records for any period any entry already effected.

4.1.6.2 Deleted. (15/09/19)

4.1.6.3 A dog over the age of six months previously registered and found to be not entire will have its registration suspended until such time as it is proved to the satisfaction of Management Committee that the dog is physically entire.

4.1.6.4 Any dog suspended in accordance with these Regulations shall not be accepted for stud purposes.

4.1.6.5 An application for review of registration suspended in accordance with these Regulations may be made until the dog reaches twelve months of age. Registration will not be reinstated unless the dog is inspected by three (3) Judges Licensed for that breed and appointed by Management Committee and is found to be physically entire and that there are no signs of any surgical or other artificial alteration to the scrotum. Dogs failing this inspection will be de-registered or transferred to the Limited or Associate Register.

4.1.7 Registration of Dogs Got by Artificial Insemination

4.1.7.1 The registration of a dog bred by Artificial Insemination using fresh or chilled semen collected and inseminated in Australia shall for the purposes of registration be treated as a normal mating, providing both the sire and dam are registered with Dogs Victoria and the owner of the sire has signed the stud service certificate.

4.1.7.2 The registration of a dog bred by Artificial Insemination using frozen semen collected and inseminated in Australia or frozen or chilled semen imported into Australia may be registered providing:

4.1.7.2.1 The semen was previously registered in accordance with regulations.

4.1.7.2.2 A Certificate from the Inseminating Vet is provided in a form approved by Management Committee, and

4.1.7.2.3 The Stud Service Certificate being signed by the registered owner of the semen.

4.1.7.3 A dog registered within the provisions of these Regulations shall have the words "semen" and the country of origin of that semen, if not Australia, in an abbreviated form, after the name of the sire on the Registration Form (e.g. Semen - UK).

4.1.7.4 The provisions of these Regulations regarding initial registration of puppies also applies to puppies produced by Artificial Insemination.

4.1.8 Rectification of Errors

Notice of any mistake in any application for entry in the records of Dogs Victoria, must be given in writing to the Chief Executive as soon as possible after it has been discovered, and thereupon the mistake may be rectified.

4.1.9 Associate Register

4.1.9.1 A separate register will be maintained for un-registered purebred and cross bred dogs defined as "Associate Dogs" for the purpose of competition in disciplines other than conformation, retrieving and field trials or 'restricted to breed' or restricted to group' events. Application for registration on the Associate Register must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate certifying that the animal has been neutered. (15/07/16)

4.1.9.2 The registration of all dogs in the "Associate" Animal Register shall be recorded under "common name" only.

The Registration Certificate shall evidence the following: -

4.1.9.2.1 Breed Type - "Associate".

4.1.9.2.2 Name of dog and registration number (Registered number shall be prefixed by letters "AR" evidencing "Associate" Register).

4.1.9.2.3 Sex

4.1.9.2.4 Colour

4.1.9.2.5 Sire "unknown"

4.1.9.2.6 Dam "unknown"

4.1.9.2.7 Date of registration

4.1.9.2.8 Owner's name, address and membership number

4.1.10 Eligibility to Compete within Victoria.

Dogs registered in the "Associate" and "Sporting" Registers maintained by the Victorian Canine Association or any member body of the Australian National Kennel Council, shall be eligible to train for any discipline and to compete in any fixture other than conformation show, field or retrieving trials or 'restricted to breed' or 'restricted to group' events. (15/04/16) (15/08/10) (15/07/16)

4.1.11 Eligibility to compete outside Victoria

Competition outside Victoria is subject to the approval of the controlling body of the respective state or territory.

4.1.12 Limited Register

4.1.12.1 A dog shall be eligible for registration on the Limited Register if that dog is nominated for registration on the duly completed application for registration form, as determined by Management Committee from time to time and accompanied by the appropriate fee and is included with the initial litter registration application and is:

4.1.12.1.1 Ineligible for exhibition at a Conformation Show; or

4.1.12.1.2 For any reason not to be used for breeding purposes; or

4.1.12.1.3 Not entire or has been neutered; or

4.1.12.1.4 Not registered in the main register.

4.1.12.1.5 Not registered in the associate register.

4.1.12.1.6 Ineligible for the issue of export documents, except to another Limited Register.

4.1.13 Transfers within the Registers

4.1.13.1 A dog may be transferred between the Main Register and Limited Register as follows:

4.1.13.1.1 Transfer from Main Register to Limited Register. A dog may be transferred from the Main Register to the Limited Register on application in writing signed by the registered owner.

4.1.13.1.2 Transfer from Limited Register to Main Register. A dog may be transferred from the Limited Register to the Main Register on application in writing signed by both the breeder and registered owner.

4.1.13.2 Any application for transfer not covered by the Regulations must be approved by Management Committee.

4.1.13.3 Dogs may be transferred to the ownership of non-members of Dogs Victoria providing the dog is on the Limited Register or in the case of Main Register, they are identified as not for breeding and not for export. (Amended 15/04/25)

4.1.14 Certificate of Registration and Pedigree

4.1.14.1 The Certificate remains the property of the DOGS AUSTRALIA Member Bodies at all times.

4.1.14.2 The information contained on the Certificate may be used as determined by Dogs Victoria Inc.

4.1.15 Sporting Register (15/10/10)

4.1.15.1 A dog shall be eligible for registration on the Sporting Register if that dog is nominated for registration on the duly completed application for registration form, as determined by Management Committee from time to time, is accompanied by the appropriate fee and;

4.1.15.1.1 the owner is a member of Dogs Victoria;

4.1.15.1.2 the dog is registered with an organisation recognised by Dogs Victoria;

4.1.15.1.3 evidence is the above registration is provided when applying for registration on the Sporting Register;

4.1.15.1.4 the dog is identified by the eligible organisation's registration number.

4.1.15.2 A dog registered on the Sporting Register is eligible to take part in DOGS VICTORIA activities other than conformation.

4.1.16 CONDITIONAL REGISTER
(15/03/17)
(15/05/15)

4.2 PREFIXES

4.2.1 Management Committee shall keep and maintain a register of prefixes. A prefix registered by a member may only be used in respect of a breed of dog recognised by the DOGS AUSTRALIA.

4.2.2 A member who wishes to breed must register a Prefix prior to undertaking a breeding. (15/10/21)

4.2.3 (15/11/11) An application for an initial prefix will not be processed unless the member has been a member of DOGS Victoria or DOGS AUSTRALIA recognised body for not less than 12 months, and has successfully completed the Breeder Prefix examination.

4.2.4 In the naming of dogs a prefix shall only be used with the name of dogs bred in Australia.

4.2.5 Management Committee may decline to accept a prefix for registration.

4.2.6 A prefix may not be accepted for registration if it resembles any other prefix, is misleading, is unsuitable or objectionable, or is known or believed to be a prefix or affix registered in a foreign country or is not in accord with DOGS AUSTRALIA requirements. Any objection to the registration of a prefix must be lodged with Dogs Victoria, within 60 days of the publication in the Gazette.

4.2.7 An application to change the ownership of a registered prefix must be approved by Management Committee. The applications shall require the signature of the current registered owner(s), or an acceptable alternative in lieu thereof, and be accompanied by the prescribed fee as published in Dogs Victoria Scale of Charges.

4.2.8 The period of registration of a prefix shall be the financial year of Dogs Victoria, but the owner of a prefix may make application to Dogs Victoria for the renewal of the registration at the time of renewal of membership of Dogs Victoria and upon payment of the appropriate fee.

4.2.9 If the registration of a prefix has lapsed the owner of the prefix may apply for re-registration. Such re-registration may be allowed under such terms and conditions as Management Committee determines.

4.2.10 A membership may only register one prefix for a particular breed of dog, but that prefix may be used by the membership for other breeds.

4.2.11 The decision of DOGS AUSTRALIA on any matter relating to a prefix shall be binding on Dogs Victoria, and on the members thereof.

4.3 BREEDING RECORDS

4.3.1 A member shall keep proper records of their breeding activities and all such records so kept shall be open for inspection by any person authorised by Management Committee. Any such person shall be at liberty to take extracts therefrom.

4.3.2 A member shall, when required by the Management Committee in writing or on the verbal request of a person authorised by the Management Committee, produce any or all breed records to the Management Committee or authorised person.

4.3.3 Failure to allow an inspection of records or to comply with a request to produce breed records shall result in immediate suspension of the member's privileges until that requirement has been complied with.

4.3.4 Any member who fails to keep proper breed records of dog breeding activities or whose records are false, misleading or inaccurate may be called upon to explain such false, misleading or inaccurate records and may be suspended or disqualified or such other penalty as Management Committee may determine.

4.4 TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP

4.4.1 An application for the transfer of ownership of a registered dog shall be made on the reverse of the Certificate of the dog's Registration. For dogs sold within Australia, the new owner is responsible for the lodgement of the application for transfer of registration.

4.4.2 An application for transfer of ownership of a dog may be considered by the Management Committee if the signature of the Registered Owner cannot be obtained. In such circumstances the person seeking to

transfer the dog must submit a statutory declaration evidencing the facts. Management Committee may approve or disallow the transfer depending on the facts and Management Committee may impose conditions on the transfer as it may deem necessary.

4.4.3 Any transaction which changes the registered status or ownership of a dog will only be effected upon receipt of the dog's Registration Certificate. Where such Registration Certificate has been lost or destroyed a duplicate may be extracted subject to receipt of a statutory declaration and fee.

4.4.4 (15/11/11) Except as provided for in these Regulations any member selling, supplying or disposing of a dog to another person must supply to that person the signed registration certificate duly completed with the name and address of the person and the transfer date, within one calendar month of disposal unless Management Committee otherwise directs. A member shall not include any contractual provisions contrary to this regulation.

4.4.5 Any member who sells a registered dog without transfer of registration to the purchaser must obtain the agreement of the purchaser in writing that the dog will either not be transferred into the name of the purchaser or deregistered with Dogs Victoria.

4.4.6 A member shall not sell any dog in such a manner as to cause the purchaser to believe the dog being sold is registered with Dogs Victoria if it is not. (15/09/19)

4.4.6.1 A member may indicate during the sale that a dog which is not as yet registered with Dogs Victoria is intended to be registered in accordance with Regulation 4.1.3. (15/09/19)

4.5 LEASES

4.5.1 An application for the registration of a Lease shall be made on the Certificate of Registration of the dog with the reverse side fully completed and signed by the Lessor and the Lessee and accompanied by the prescribed fee.

4.5.2 An application for the registration of a lease must be lodged within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the lease.

4.5.3 A lease may be terminated at any time subject to the mutual written consent of the Lessor and Lessee.

4.5.4 Neither the Lessor nor the Lessee can transfer the dog until termination of the lease.

4.5.5 Any special conditions pertaining to a Lease agreed between the parties shall be private contractual arrangements between themselves and will not be administered by Dogs Victoria.

4.6 EXPORTING OF DOGS

4.6.1 Dogs Victoria may, upon application and payment of the prescribed fee, issue an Export Certificate for a dog exported from the State of Victoria.

4.6.2 When a dog registered in the main register is exported from Australia the registered owner may within 30 days apply to Dogs Victoria for a DOGS AUSTRALIA Certified Export Pedigree on the prescribed form and shall forward the Certificate of Registration of the dog with the reverse side fully completed. (Amended 15/03/23)

4.7 CANCELLATION OR VARIATION OF REGISTRATION BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4.7.1 Management Committee may suspend or vary the registration of any dog or may suspend or require a variation to be made to any prefix.

4.7.2 During the period of suspension of registration the dog shall be deemed for all purposes to be not registered.

4.7.3 Suspension or variation in the registration of a dog shall not necessarily affect the registration of any progeny registered or conceived before the suspension or variation.

4.7.4 Upon the suspension of or variation in the registration of a dog Management Committee may suspend or vary the registration of any descendant of such dog.

4.7.5 Management Committee may revoke the suspension or revocation of the registration of a dog.

4.8 DISPUTED/UNKNOWN PARENTAGE

4.8.1 DNA Tests:- Where the parentage of a dog or litter is disputed or uncertain Management Committee may direct that DNA testing be carried out and determine arrangements relating to such testing.

4.8.2 DNA - Costs:- Where Management Committee directs that DNA testing be carried out, Management Committee shall determine liability for the costs incurred.

4.8.3 DNA - Registration:- Management Committee shall direct what action is to be taken in regard to registration based on the results of DNA testing.

4.8.4 DNA - Suspension of Progeny:- Where it is found by DNA testing that the registered sire or dam is incorrect then all progeny shall be immediately suspended.

4.8.5 DNA - Breeder Declaration:- Where through DNA testing it is found a certain dog may qualify as the sire or dam of a litter then the breeder shall submit a statutory declaration that no other animal other than those tested could reasonably have been the sire or dam.

4.9 SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION

4.9.1 The registration of a dog may be suspended, either temporarily or permanently as the case may be, in any of the following circumstances:

4.9.1.1 The prescribed fee payable upon any registration or transfer or application for transfer of such dog has not been paid.

4.9.1.2 By State law the owner is divested of the legal ownership or possession of the dog.

4.9.1.3 The dog is not entire.

4.9.1.4 Management Committee determines that the dog is not true to type.

4.9.1.5 Any particulars of a material nature furnished in the application for registration are incorrect.

4.9.1.6 Management Committee determines that the suspension is in the best interests of the particular breed.

4.9.1.7 The dog is in contravention of any Regulation.

4.9.1.8 The dog is a savage dog as defined by Regulations.

4.9.1.9 The registered owner of the dog is unfinancial.

4.9.2 The owner of a registered dog may make application to Management Committee for the suspension of the registration of such dog.

4.10 SUSPENSION OF TRANSFER OR ALTERATION OF REGISTRATION

4.10.1 Where a complaint regarding a member is received by the Chief Executive under Rule 2.20, which**,** if proven**,** could result in that member being suspended, disqualified or expelled from Dogs Victoria the Management Committee**,** in its absolute discretion**,** may direct the Chief Executive that no actions to

alter the status of registration of any dog or semen registered on any register in the name of that member may be undertaken until the conclusion of the disciplinary process, including any appeal process. (Amended 15/12/22) (15/03/17)

4.10.2 Where Management Committee has directed a Field Officer to undertake an inspection of a member's breeding records and/or a member's facilities for the keeping of dogs, the Management Committee in its absolute discretion may direct the Chief Executive that no actions to alter the status of registration of any dog or semen registered on any register in the name of that member may be undertaken pending the conclusion of the inspection process and, where any disciplinary process is initiated as a result of the Field Officer's inspection or report, until the conclusion of that disciplinary process, including any appeal process. (15/03/17)

4.10.3 Where a summary penalty is offered under Regulation 5.3.6, which, if proven, could result in a member being suspended, no actions to alter the status of registration of any dog or semen registered on any register in the name of that member will be undertaken until the conclusion of the disciplinary process, including any appeal process unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee. (15/12/22)