Dogs Victoria Fact Sheet
DNA Parentage Verification

Managing a Failed Puppy DNA Sample

If a puppy DNA sample fails to produce a DNA profile but you have fulfilled all other requirements to submit a litter registration, your litter may be eligible for special registration.

- ***Before requesting special registration make sure you have the following documents completed:***
- ***Sire certification form***
- ***Litter application with all details completed – Show Manager or paper form***
- ***Veterinarian microchipping certification form – complete with microchip stickers***
- ***Parentage analysis certificates for all puppies in the litter who have a successful DNA profile***
- ***Health Testing Results for Breeds with Litter Registration Limitations***
- ***Frozen Semen paperwork (if required)***

To apply for special registration of your litter email: dnadogsvic@dogsvictoria.org.au with details of the date of birth of the litter, number of puppies in the litter, how many have failed DNA samples and DNA barcodes for the failed samples.

Sometimes the last 1-2 samples in a litter may have been separated during processing and the results may occur a couple of days after the rest of the litter - be patient if the sample is not showing as failed.

Any litters submitted for consideration for special registration will be assessed and the breeder notified of what extra paperwork is required to be submitted to register their litter. Forms issued for special registration of one litter can only be used for that litter – forms are checked against a list of litters approved for special registration in the Office before being processed.

When a litter is accepted for special registration the puppy that does not have a completed DNA profile will be added to the Dogs Australia database on the Limited Register with the name PREFIX DNA Pending 1 and registration papers will not be sent to the breeder for that puppy. Registration papers for the rest of the litter who have completed DNA Parentage verification will be sent to the breeder as normal.

Once the DNA profile is completed for the failed puppy, and the required paperwork and parentage analysis certificate is submitted to Dogs Victoria (litters@dogsvictoria.org.au), the breeder will then be sent the Registration certificate for that puppy with the chosen registered name and Register (Limited/ Main).

Special registration of a litter will allow the breeder to register the litter at the price current for the puppies' age when the litter application is accepted and send Registration papers to all puppy owners of puppies which have successful qualifying DNA parentage certificates.

A failed DNA puppy will not be able to compete in Dogs Victoria events until the DNA is completed and the Registration papers have been issued to the breeder.



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Recollecting samples from puppies that have failed testing.

When collecting a repeat sample from a failed puppy it is important to ensure the sample is collected by an independent, approved collector or veterinarian – it may be important to emphasise this to a puppy buyer if the puppy has already gone to its new home when resampling is required.
The DNA Provider will not charge again for the DNA profile when a sample has failed testing.
It is important to discuss the possibility of failed DNA samples with your puppy buyers. If you have not received the puppies' DNA profiles before they leave for their new homes it may be advisable to add a DNA Collection Kit into the puppy pack especially if the puppy is going interstate. If you know a puppy is going interstate when you first collect the DNA sample your collector may be able to collect and submit double the number of swabs to try and minimise the chance of sample failure.
There is a Fact Sheet on the Dogs Victoria website to assist you with the conversation around delays in obtaining Registration Papers for your Puppy Buyers. It is advisable to have a conversation, early in your relationship with the puppy buyer, about the possibility that Registration Papers will not be available when they collect their puppy so that they know what to expect.
https://dogsvictoria.org.au/media/6975/a11-understanding-the-registration-process-for-puppy-buyers-may-26.pdf

If DNA testing has not been completed by the time the puppy leaves the breeder involve your puppy buyer in the process of DNA testing by giving them their puppy's barcode so they can follow the sample's progress on Orivet's sample tracker. Make sure you add the year in front of the barcode eg 26AA1111 when using the sample tracker.

Conditions associated with Special Litter Registration

- All required paperwork must be submitted with your litter application either through Show Manager, manually to email: litters@dogsvictoria.org.au or over the counter at the Dogs Victoria Office during business hours.
- Your litter registration fee for a litter application submitted to Dogs Victoria will be determined by the age of the puppies at the time you have a failed puppy sample or when you email: dnadogsvic@dogsvictoria.org.au – whichever is later.
- Failed puppy samples must be finalised and the parentage certificate/form (issued with your litter registration) submitted within 3 months of registration of the litter.



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