TABLE 1
Minimum Breeding Age for Bitches
Minimum age at which a Bitch may be *mated* (Amended 15/12/26, 15/11/26, 15/06/24)

The age is calculated in the same way as for conformation classes. If the corresponding day of the month does not exist in the month in which the dog reaches the required age, the last day of that month is to be treated as the dog's anniversary date. For example, a dog born on 31 January is treated as reaching three months of age on 30 April and is therefore eligible to enter the Baby Puppy class from that date.

Note also DOGS AUSTRALIA Regulations Part 6 Section 8 Regulation 8.2 which states:

8.2 The minimum breeding age for bitches across all breeds is 12 months at the time of mating. This regulation is not intended to reduce minimum age requirement for breeding set out in the Code of Ethics of Member Bodies and the Rules of National Breed Councils and/or Breed Clubs. **(Added 10/10, 6.7 (Amended EAP 07/11)**

Minimum Breeding Age for Bitches

12 Months
All Other Breeds (15/08/24), (15/06/24), (15/01/24), (15/12/18)

16 Months
Border Terrier
French Bulldog

18 Months
Akita Inu
Alaskan Malamute
American Staffordshire Terrier
Australian Kelpie
Australian Terrier
Basset Hound
Beagle
Bearded Collie (15/02/19)
Bedlington Terrier - applies to bitches born after 01.01.2000
Border Collie
Borzoi
Boston Terrier
Boxer
Bullmastiff - applies to bitches born after 01.06.2011
Cane Corso
Chow Chow
Curly Coated Retriever
Dalmatian
Deerhound
Dobermann
Dogue De Bordeaux
English Setter (15/02/19)
Finnish Lapphund
Flat Coated Retriever - applies to bitches born after 01.01.2002
German Shepherd Dog (16/10/05)
German Shorthaired Pointer
Golden Retriever - applies to bitches born on or after 01.01.2002
Gordon Setter (15/06/24)
Griffon Bruxellois
Hungarian Vizsla
Irish Setter (15/12/23)
Keeshond
Labrador Retriever (30/06/16), (01/01/20)
Miniature Pinscher
Pekingese
Pharaoh Hound
Rhodesian Ridgeback
Samoyed
Schipperke
Schnauzer (Miniature)
Scottish Terrier
Shih Tzu
Staffordshire Bull Terrier
Weimaraner
Weimaraner [Longhair]

20 Months
Bernese Mountain Dog
Mastiff
Schnauzer (Giant)

22 Months
Anatolian Shepherd Dog
Leonberger
Neapolitan Mastiff
Newfoundland
Pyrenean Mastiff
Rottweiler - applies to bitches born after 01.01.1997
Spanish Mastiff
Tibetan Mastiff

24 Months
Afghan Hound (15/01/24)
Australian Shepherd
Azawakh
Cocker Spaniel [American]
Great Dane
Irish Wolfhound
Lhasa Apso
Old English Sheepdog
Pyrenean Mountain Dog
Russian Black Terrier
Saluki
Schnauzer
St Bernard

TABLE 2
Minimum Breeding Age for Male Dogs
Minimum age at which a Male Dog may be *mated* (Amended 15/12/26, 15/11/26)

The age is calculated in the same way as for conformation classes. If the corresponding day of the month does not exist in the month in which the dog reaches the required age, the last day of that month is to be treated as the dog's anniversary date. For example, a dog born on 31 January is treated as reaching three months of age on 30 April and is therefore eligible to enter the Baby Puppy class from that date.

Minimum Breeding Age for Male Dogs

Bullmastiff – refer to Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6, Section 8.14.4 and 8.14.5 (effective 1/7/26)
German Shepherd Dog – refer Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6, Section 8.8.1 (effective 16/10/05)