



AGENDA FOR THE 10TH CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS

To be held at the
Dogs Victoria Bulla Exhibition Centre, Calabria Club, 5 Uniting Lane,
BULLA VICTORIA 3428

ON SATURDAY, 18th JULY, 2009
Commencing at 9.30 a.m.

1. **Introduction and Welcome**
(Mrs Marie Merchant)

2. **Approval of the Summary of the National Breed Councils Conference held 28th June, 2008 by the ANKC Conference:**

At the October 2008 ANKC Conference, Delegates received the Summary of the National Breed Councils Conference held 28th June, 2008 and discussed recommendations arising there from.

- 2.1 **Australian Championship Titles**
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 2.7)

Initially Raised: Aug 07, Item 4.5

National Samoyed Council

Providing the registered owners are members of an ANKC recognised control body, any dog owned by them that fulfils the requirements for the granting of an Australian Championship Title, may be granted such title by any State Controlling body regardless of the domicile of the dog.

Rationale:

*This is what really happened so can be explained.
Dog is resident in Victoria with owners who are members of the VCA. Dog can be exhibited in Qld for a period of less than only 3 months, after that time, at least one owner must be a financial member of the CCC (Qld). So one owner joins the CCC (QLD), as per the guidelines, and dog duly exhibited in Qld and gains all points required for its title.*

When the title application was submitted to the CCC (Qld) (note: ALL points were gained in Qld) the title was rejected on the grounds that the owners were actually resident in Victoria and not Qld.

We feel that this is a bad situation, where people are forced to join multiple control bodies if their dogs are exhibited interstate for periods exceeding 3 months, and even if they do join, the State controlling body can still reject a title due to residency.

It is an Australian Championship title, not a state title, so owners should only need to be a member of a single control body, and the dog/s can be shown in any state and have their titles granted by that state, especially when the majority of CC's are awarded in the state the application was lodged with.

We were subsequently advised by the CCC (Qld), that any dogs in future being exhibited in Qld for interstate owners will require a transfer of registration in joint names with a Qld resident. We feel this is totally unnecessary.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of E Singer/I Alexander that providing the registered owners are members of an ANKC recognised control body, any dog owned by them that fulfils the requirements for the granting of an Australian Championship Title, may be granted such title by any State Controlling body regardless of the domicile of the dog or owner.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED.

For: National Borzoi Council, National Boxer Council, National Bullmastiff Council, National Bull Terrier Council, National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council, National Cocker Spaniel Council, National Dobermann Council, German Shepherd Dog Council, National Labrador Retriever Council, National Poodle Council, National Samoyed Council, National Shetland Sheepdog Council, National Tenterfield Terrier Council, National Weimaraner Council, National Welsh Corgi Council, National Whippet Council.

Abstain: National Border Collie Council

The recommendation that providing the registered owners are members of an ANKC recognised control body, any dog owned by them that fulfils the requirements for the granting of an Australian Championship Title, may be granted such title by any State Controlling body regardless of the domicile of the dog or owner was LOST.

Discussion followed on the viability of how this would impact on Member Bodies.

It was RESOLVED that this recommendation be referred to the Member Body Administrators to develop appropriate wording which will address the rationale in Item 6.3.7 and for it to be dealt with in the electronic out of session process.

At the time of circulating this agenda this matter was being considered by Member Bodies.

Delegates noted this work was in progress.

In August State Administrators unanimously endorsed the following wording:

“Providing the registered owners are financial members of an ANKC recognised controlling body, any dog owned by them that fulfils the requirements for the granting of a Championship Title, or any other title, may be granted such title/s by the State Controlling Body of which they are a member, regardless of the domicile of the dog or regardless of where the points were gained. Should the dog be co-owned in more than one State, the title/s can be granted by any of the State Controlling Bodies of which they are a member.”

Additional comments received:

Dogs Victoria: Approve on the basis that the event/trial was conducted according to ANKC rules and that the controlling body complied with ANKC rules when awarding the points.

Delegates at the October 2008 Conference were asked to make a final resolution on this matter.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation from the State Administrators that the wording for the Australian Championship Title read: “Providing the registered owners are financial members of an ANKC recognised controlling body, any dog owned by them that fulfils the requirements for the granting of a Championship Title, or any other title, may be granted such title/s by the State Controlling Body of which they are a member, regardless of the domicile of the dog or regardless of where the points were gained. Should the dog be co-owned in more than one State, the title/s can be granted by any of the State Controlling Bodies of which they are a member.” Approve on the basis that the event/trial was conducted according to ANKC rules and that the controlling body complied with ANKC rules when awarding the points.

2.2 National Show and Capital City Royal Shows – ANKC Regulations Part 13
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 2.14)

Discussed: Oct 07, Item 6.2.3

Recommendation

It is recommended that ANKC Regulation 13 Clauses 4.2.4 and 4.2.5 be amended as shown below:

4.2.4 *The ANKC may approve a date/s for a National Show if all of the following points are met:*

- *the National Show is to be held in the same Capital City as the Royal Show*
- *exhibitors can compete in both events including General Specials (Best in Show) at both shows*
- *the Member Body has received written confirmation from the Royal Show that the particular breed will be judges on a day other than the proposed National Show date/s*

4.2.5 *Notwithstanding Clause 4.2.6 a National Show shall NOT be approved where it would preclude exhibitors from participating in either the National Show and/or a Capital City Royal Show held in a different Capital City to the National Show*

- *This also applies to General Specials (Best in Show) day at the Royal Show*

NOTE: *There must be at least a five [5] days gap before and after the two [2] actual judging dates*

Rationale:

The existing clauses were causing confusion with both Office Staff in the various Member Body's Offices and Club officials. The amended clauses hopefully have removed any ambiguity and clarified the meaning of the two [2] clauses.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to amend Clauses 4.2.4 and 4.25 of Regulations Part 13 to read:

- 4.2.4 The ANKC may approve a date/s for a National Show if all of the following points are met:
- the National Show is to be held in the same Capital City as the Royal Show
 - exhibitors can compete in both events including General Specials (Best in Show) at both shows
 - the Member Body has received written confirmation from the Royal Show that the particular breed will be judged on a day other than the proposed National Show date/s

- 4.2.5 Notwithstanding Clause 4.2.6 a National Show shall NOT be approved where it would preclude exhibitors from participating in either the National Show and/or a Capital City Royal Show held in a different Capital City to the National Show
- This also applies to General Specials (Best in Show) day at the Royal Show

NOTE: There must be at least a five [5] days gap before and after the two [2] actual judging dates

Please note an error was found in the wording and numbering of the above decision and will be rectified at the October 2008 ANKC Conference. The clauses should read:

- 4.2.4 The ANKC may approve a date/s for a National Show if all of the following points are met:
- the National Show is to be held in the same Capital City as the Royal Show
 - exhibitors can compete in both events including General Specials (Best in Show) at both shows
 - the Member Body has received written confirmation from the Royal Show that the particular breed will be judged on a day other than the proposed National Show date/s (Amended 10/07, 6.2.3)

- 4.2.5 Where a National Show is held, no Challenge Certificates shall be awarded for the breed/s involved in the National Show, within a radius of 1000km from the show on that day/s. (10/06, 6.1.2)

- 4.2.6 A National Show shall not be held on the same date as a State or Territory Capital City Royal Show where it would preclude exhibitors from participating in either event. This also applies to General Specials day at the Royal Show. There must be at least a five [5] days gap before and after the two [2] actual judging dates. (10/06, 6.1.2)

- 4.2.7 Notwithstanding Clause 4.2.6 a National Show shall NOT be approved where it would preclude exhibitors from participating in either the National Show and/or a Capital City Royal Show held in a different Capital City to the National Show.

This also applies to General Specials (Best in Show) day at the Royal Show

NOTE: There must be at least a five [5] days gap before and after the two [2] actual judging dates. (Amended 10/07, 6.2.3)

Concerns were raised that Clause 4.2.4 could still prevent some States/Territories from conducting nationals particularly where a State/Territory may have more than one Breed Club for a breed. After some discussion it was agreed that further amendment to the clause was required.

It was unanimously RESOLVED on the motion of W Stacey/J Neddermeyer to amend ANKC Regulations Part 13 Clause 4.2.4 to read as follows:

- 4.2.4 *The ANKC may approve a date/s for a National Show to be held at the same time as a Capital City Royal Show if all of the following points are met:*
- *where the National Show is to be held in the same State/Territory Capital City Royal Show*
 - *exhibitors can compete in both events including General Specials (Best in Show) at both shows*
 - *the Member Body has received written confirmation from the Royal Show that the particular breed will be judged on a day other than the proposed National Show date/s (Amended 10/07, 6.2.3)*

It was unanimously RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that ANKC Regulations Part 13 Clause 4.2.4 be amended to read:

- 4.2.4 *The ANKC may approve a date/s for a National Show to be held at the same time as a Capital City Royal Show if all of the following points are met:*
- *where the National Show is to be held in the same State/Territory Capital City Royal Show*
 - *exhibitors can compete in both events including General Specials (Best in Show) at both shows*
 - *the Member Body has received written confirmation from the Royal Show that the particular breed will be judged on a day other than the proposed National Show date/s (Amended 10/07, 6.2.3)*

2.3 Dangerous Dog/Breed Specific Legislation
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 2.15)

Discussed: Aug 05, item 5.9
Discussed: Oct 05, item 2.9
Discussed: Oct 06, item 7.6.2
Discussed: Oct 07, Item 5.17

German Shepherd Dog Council

The ANKC should look at a broad approach to this increasingly troublesome area. There should be input from the various NBC's that are particularly likely to be affected such as- Rottweilers, Dobermanns, German Shepherd Dog's, Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers etc.

Rationale:

The anti-dog lobby is constantly chipping away at the various state legislations. We as a group via the ANKC have considerable strength and power (if welded in time and on a unified front) to be proactive and put in submissions every time these laws comes up for review. Unfortunately, the ANKC has seldom called for input by the most vulnerable breeds that are/will be affected by breed specific restrictive legislation. We as a breed have a history of being affected by such legislation, it may be up to us to lead the way in being strongly proactive against re-instatement of such legislations.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of K Hedberg/M Burns to refer this matter to the National Welfare Canine Committee.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED.

It was unanimously RESOLVED on the motion of J McMurtrie/G Cowie to deal with this matter at the main conference during discussions with Professor Bob Hales.

Delegates noted this issue was not dealt with at the last ANKC Conference and has been resubmitted for the October 2006 ANKC Conference.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of M Hammett/P Frost to defer this item to the main conference agenda.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED.

For: ACTCA, CAWA, CCCQ, NACA, SACA, TCA, VCA

Against: DOGS NSW

It was unanimously RESOLVED on the motion of K Irwin/M Bungey for the VCA Threatened Breeds Committee to review whether the ANKC should look at a broad approach to this increasingly troublesome area. Should there be input from the various NBC's that are particularly likely to be affected such as-

Rottweilers, Dobermanns, German Shepherd Dog's, Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers etc. and come back to the next conference.

The VCA Committee has responded advising they are unclear as to what was required and felt that in the absence of clear directions there was little purpose in progressing. They recommend that if the ANKC wishes to progress the matter, the National Breed Council should take it on board and set up a Task Force/Working Party/Special Needs Group made up of the breeds involved which would be charged to report back to the main conference on their findings.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this matter be referred back to the relevant National Breed Councils and they be requested to forward their submissions to the National Canine Welfare Committee.

Mrs Neddermeyer said the GSDCAA believed this to be a sensitive issue in respect of their breed. She said the GSDCAA had formed a Breed Specific Committee and had conducted meetings with NSW Local Government Departments and urged the ANKC to take a more proactive approach as this issue not only affected German Shepherds but every breed throughout Australia.

Despite assurances from State Governments, politicians tend to change their attitude when confronted with public pressure as a result of negative media reports relating to dog attacks. Ultimately politicians were the ones who make the law.

Questions were raised concerning breeds that do not have a National Breed Council which may want to make a submission with the majority of delegates agreeing that the ANKC should issue a Press Release to cover these breeds.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of J Neddermeyer/L Gunter for an ANKC Press Release to be issued to Member Bodies for publication in their next gazette/journals seeking submissions from Breed Clubs which do not have a National Breed Council. These submissions would then be sent to the Canine Welfare Committee.

Discussion then followed on the current situation facing Dogs Victoria in respect to changes to State Legislation. Mr Frost confirmed that as State President he had attended meetings with the Head of the Department of Primary Industries and what had become evident was that government officials had little knowledge of the dog world in terms of breeds, breeding, etc. It was essential that the ANKC and Member Bodies continued to develop open dialogue with government officials to get our point across.

Delegates agreed the issue of Breed Specific Legislation was not just an Australian issue but a Worldwide issue.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation for an ANKC approved Press Release, to be issued to Member Bodies for publication in their next gazette/journals seeking submissions from Breed Clubs which do not have a National Breed Council. These submissions would then be sent to the Canine Welfare Committee.

2.4 Change of Office Bearers – Responsibilities of Outgoing & Incoming Secretaries

(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 3.4)

*Discussed: Aug 06, item 7.1
Discussed: Aug 07, item 2.14*

When changes to Office Bearers occur it is essential that the ANKC be advised as soon as possible to ensure relevant files and the website are amended and kept up to date. A copy of the relevant AGM minutes of the National Breed Council where the change to the Office Bearers has been recorded is also required to accompany this advice.

Outgoing Secretaries also have a responsibility to ensure that all records relating to the National Breed Council are forwarded to the Incoming Secretary as soon as possible. Over recent years we have received an increasing number of complaints from Incoming Secretaries confirming they are unable to pay affiliation fees, etc as they have not received any records from the previous Secretary, despite numerous requests.

Mrs Merchant reminded all delegates of the importance for the ANKC to be kept up to date with current contact details of all National Breed Councils. She understood from the ANKC Administrator that this appeared to be an ongoing problem where changes to Office Bearers were not being reported and copies of the relevant documentation such as the AGM minutes where the changes to the Office Bearers are recorded were not being received.

Completed application forms together with copies of the previous years financial statements were also required on an annual basis.

The need for consultation with National Breed Councils on a range of issues had been highlighted by delegates throughout the meeting and this only emphasized the importance for the ANKC to have current contact details to avoid delays in communicating with NBC's.

Delegates referred to the NBSCG report and agreed the recommendations as detailed under Item 7.1 for changes to Regulations 13 would address this problem and should be endorsed.

It was unanimously RESOLVED on the motion of J Neddermeyer/D Cross to endorse the recommended changes to Regulations Part 13 as detailed under Item 7.1 of the NBSCG report.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation of the NBSCG for the NBC Standard Constitution be amended as follows and advise all NBC that they are required to amend their present constitution in accordance with the following:

Under SECRETARY add the following:

“ It shall be the duty of the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary the President to notify the ANKC within fourteen (14) days of any changes in Directors or Office Bearers”.

[A letter was sent to all National Breed Councils (NBC) on 2 November, 2006 confirming this amendment and requesting all NBC Secretary's to ensure their NBC Constitution be amended and a copy of their amended Constitution together with the relevant AGM minutes where the change were recorded to be forwarded to the ANKC Administrator as soon as possible.

To date we have received copies of only one amended Constitution/AGM Minutes from the National Basset Hound Council.

Delegate/s attending the August 2007 Conference will be asked to confirm their National Breed Council's progress with this work.]

It was noted this was work in progress by those National Breed Council's who were yet to forward copies of their amended Constitutions and AGM minutes to the ANKC Administrator.

***Action: National Afghan Hound Council
National Beagle Council
National Border Collie Council
National Borzoi Council
National Boxer Council
National British Bulldog Council
National Bullmastiff Council
National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council
National Dachshund Council
National Dalmatian Council
National Dobermann Council
German Shepherd Dog Council
National German Shorthaired Pointer Council
National Golden Retriever Council
National Labrador Retriever Council
National Old English Sheepdog Council
National Poodle Council***

National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council
National Rottweiler Council
National Samoyed Council
National Shetland Sheepdog Council
National Tenterfield Terrier Council
National Welsh Corgi Council
National Weimaraner Council
National Whippet Council

At the time of circulating this agenda the ANKC Administrator has confirmed receipt of amended Constitutions and AGM Minutes from the National Samoyed Council, National Shetland Sheepdog Council and the National Tenterfield Terrier Council. All other National Breed Council's listed above are yet to send these documents.

Delegates were reminded that it was important for the ANKC to receive these documents.

Mrs Gunter confirmed that she had contacted the ANKC Administrator recently advising that she had not received the original letter dated November 2006. A copy had now been received and would be dealt with at the next meeting of the National Boxer Council to be held later in the year.

At the time of circulating this agenda the ANKC Administrator has confirmed the following National Breed Council's listed below are yet to send these documents:

National Afghan Hound Council
National Beagle Council
National British Bulldog Council
National Bullmastiff Council
National Dachshund Council
National Dalmatian Council
National Dobermann Council
National German Shorthaired Pointer Council
National Golden Retriever Council
National Old English Sheepdog Council
National Poodle Council
National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council
National Rottweiler Council
National Welsh Corgi Council
National Weimaraner Council

We have received minutes confirming the approval of these changes from the National Labrador Retriever Council but are awaiting receipt of the amended constitution document.

We have received the minutes and amended constitution document from the German Shepherd Dog Council but are awaiting clarification from their Secretary as to where the changes have occurred in the constitution document.

2.5 Amendment to National Breed Council (NBC) Standard Constitution – Late Item
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 3.5)

Discussed: Oct 06, item 7.1
Discussed: Oct 07, item 2.15

Mr Bridgford tabled a late submission (refer attached) from the NBSCG recommending a further amendment to the NBC Standard Constitution to resolve tied votes for the election of either the President or Secretary. The current Standard Constitution and Regulations Part 13 do not allow for the President to either vote or have a casting vote to resolve any matter.

To overcome this position the NBSCG had recommended an additional clause immediately be included in Regulations Part 13 and the Standard Constitution be amended to include the same clause. In the long term it was also recommended that the National Breed Councils amend their Constitutions to include this clause.

He was aware of a tied vote arising on a number of occasions with National Breed Council elections of recent and believed the proposed recommendation was the only way at present to rectify the problem.

Mr Irwin rejected the suggested recommendations pointing out that at the time of elections the existing committee is stood down.

After further discussion it was generally agreed that the best way to resolve the tied vote issue was by drawing the name out of a "hat".

It was RESOLVED that in the event of a tied vote for the positions of President or Secretary of a National Breed Council that it be resolved by ballot. (Ballot means a vote and was not the correct word to be used in this instance. The correct word that conveys the true feeling of the meeting is "Lot")

[A letter was sent to all National Breed Councils via post on 2 November, 2006 confirming this amendment and requesting all NBC Secretary's to ensure their NBC Constitution be amended and a copy of their amended Constitution together with the relevant AGM minutes where the change was recorded to be forwarded to the ANKC Administrator as soon as possible.

To date we have received copies of only one amended Constitution/AGM Minutes from the National Basset Hound Council.

Delegate/s attending the August 2007 Conference will be asked to confirm their National Breed Council's progress with this work.]

It was noted this was work in progress by those National Breed Council's who were yet to forward copies of their amended Constitutions and AGM minutes to the ANKC Administrator.

***Action: National Afghan Hound Council
National Beagle Council
National Border Collie Council
National Borzoi Council
National Boxer Council
National British Bulldog Council
National Bullmastiff Council***

National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council
National Dachshund Council
National Dalmatian Council
National Dobermann Council
German Shepherd Dog Council
National German Shorthaired Pointer Council
National Golden Retriever Council
National Labrador Retriever Council
National Old English Sheepdog Council
National Poodle Council
National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council
National Rottweiler Council
National Samoyed Council
National Shetland Sheepdog Council
National Tenterfield Terrier Council
National Welsh Corgi Council
National Weimaraner Council
National Whippet Council

At the time of circulating this agenda the ANKC Administrator has confirmed receipt of amended Constitutions and AGM Minutes from the National Samoyed Council, National Shetland Sheepdog Council and the National Tenterfield Terrier Council. All other National Breed Council's listed above are yet to send these documents.

Mrs Neddermeyer advised the GSDCA may have some difficulty in complying with the requested changes particularly in regards to voting and agreed to write back to the ANKC providing a copy of their Constitution. Mrs Merchant suggested that provided the GSDCA Constitution adequately covered the matter then the ANKC should be happy with it.

At the time of circulating this agenda the ANKC Administrator has confirmed the following National Breed Council's listed below are yet to send these documents:

National Afghan Hound Council
National Beagle Council
National British Bulldog Council
National Bullmastiff Council
National Dachshund Council
National Dalmatian Council
National Dobermann Council
National German Shorthaired Pointer Council
National Golden Retriever Council
National Old English Sheepdog Council
National Poodle Council
National Rhodesian Ridgeback Council
National Rottweiler Council
National Welsh Corgi Council
National Weimaraner Council

We have received minutes confirming the approval of these changes from the National Labrador Retriever Council but are awaiting receipt of the amended constitution document.

We have received the minutes and amended constitution document from the German Shepherd Dog Council but are awaiting clarification from their Secretary as to where the changes have occurred in the constitution document.

2.6 Amendment to ANKC Regulations Part 6
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 3.6)

Discussed: Aug 07, item 4.4

National Labrador Retriever Council

That there be a regulation inserted in the ANKC Regulations Part 6 Section 8 that there be no litter registration limitations imposed on any breed without a national survey of all registered owners of that breed indicating a majority are in agreement.

Rationale:

Following recent events where the phrase “and for certain higher risk breeds the ANKC has the power to insist on an unaffected test report as a prerequisite to litter registration” has been included in a published document that has been ratified by the ANKC, it is imperative that the principle of breeders having ultimate control over decisions and regulations pertaining to hereditary disease testing within their breed be clearly stated by the ANKC and supported by regulation.

Dr Hedberg said she believed this was the current ANKC Policy in respect of litter registration limitations however some delegates disagreed.

Mr Boxhall suggested that consideration should be given to a new set of ANKC Regulations being compiled containing decisions from the Canine Health Committee.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/S Pretty that this matter be referred to the National Canine Health Committee.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED.

For: For: National Borzoi Council, National Boxer Council, National Bullmastiff Council, National Bull Terrier Council, National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council, National Cocker Spaniel Council, National Dobermann Council, German Shepherd Dog Council, National Labrador Retriever Council, National Poodle Council, National Samoyed Council, National Shetland Sheepdog Council, National Tenterfield Terrier Council, National Weimaraner Council, National Welsh Corgi Council, National Whippet Council.

Abstain: National Border Collie Council

Action: National Canine Health Committee

Mrs Powers advised the original intent of the motion was to request an amendment to the ANKC Regulations to ensure that a national survey of registered breeders of any breed was conducted before any LRL's were implemented.

Dr Hedberg said she did not believe the ANKC could impose an LRL without a breed survey however she would be raising this in our submission to the annual ANKC October Conference.

It is accepted practice by the ANKC for a national breed survey to be conducted with registered breeders prior to an LRL being imposed.

2.7 ANKC Breed Survey/Referendums
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 5.1)

National Border Collie Council

The ANKC conduct breed survey/referendum with registered owners of each individual breed to confirm that all purebred dogs from main registered purebred parents are eligible for main or limit registration at the discretion of the breeder, and that change of registration status can only occur at the request of the breeder.

Rationale:

- *This motion addresses the problem that has occurred in recent years, where a breeder has determined particular registration status for a dog, and a third party seeks to change the status, and;*
- *Gives breeders the choice on whether they wish to have progeny from their stock in the gene pool for future generations. It seems quite undemocratic to have a third person dictate what should, or should not be eligible for inclusion in the gene pool that may be against the breeders wishes and;*
- *Genetic testing and such like alerts breeders to potential problems in their lines, thus an informed choice can be made by breeders without fear of repercussion, and;*
- *This motion does not compel usage of particular dogs in the gene pool, however it does allow freedom of choice for those that would include particular dogs in the gene pool.*

It was RESOLVED on the motion of J De Jong/G Acreman that the ANKC confirm that all purebred dogs from main registered purebred parents are eligible for main or limit registration at the discretion of the breeder, and that change of registration status can only occur at the request of the breeder.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that, in accordance with colour and health limitations, the ANKC confirm that all purebred dogs from main registered purebred parents are eligible for main or limit registration at the discretion of the breeder, and that change of registration status can only occur at the request of the breeder.

2.8 Country of Development of Border Collies
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 5.2)

National Border Collie Council

The National Border Collie Council request that the decision made at the meeting of the National Breeds Standards Committee held on Saturday 20th October, 2007 at the Citigate Central Sydney Hotel, 169-179 Thomas Street, Haymarket, New South Wales on the motion of D. Sales/S. Mills that "the ANKC write to the FCI advising the FCI that as the ANKC was the Country of Development for Border Collies that the FCI should adopt the ANKC Breed Standard for the Border Collie NOT the Kennel Club (England)", BE RESCINDED.

Rationale:

The ANKC made this decision without consultation with the NBCC and has based the motion on inaccurate information regarding dates that the first breed standard and the first Australian and UK standards were introduced. The Australian Border Collie Standard discriminates against colours which are main registered in every other country of the world as well as discriminating against ear carriage and coat length that are acceptable in other countries. The ANKC recommends that NATIONAL BREED COUNCILS recommendations and breed surveys are necessary before decisions are made yet did not consult the NBCC on this motion which is highly significant internationally.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of J De Jong/M Wheeler that the National Border Collie Council request that the decision made at the meeting of the National Breeds Standards Committee held on Saturday 20th October, 2007 at the Citigate Central Sydney Hotel, 169-179 Thomas Street, Haymarket, New South Wales on the motion of D. Sales/S. Mills that "the ANKC write to the FCI advising the FCI that as the ANKC was the Country of Development for Border Collies that the FCI should adopt the ANKC Breed Standard for the Border Collie NOT the Kennel Club (England)", BE RESCINDED.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that the National Border Collie Council request for the decision made at the meeting of the National Breeds Standards Committee held on Saturday 20th October, 2007 at the Citigate Central Sydney Hotel, 169-179 Thomas Street, Haymarket, New South Wales on the motion of D. Sales/S. Mills that "the ANKC write to the FCI advising the FCI that as the ANKC was the Country of Development for Border Collies that the FCI should adopt the ANKC Breed Standard for the Border Collie NOT the Kennel Club (England)", BE RESCINDED.

- 2.9 Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES) – Information for Owners
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 5.4)

National Labrador Retriever Council

That the following sections of the ACES Information for Owners documentation be amended as suggested (text in red be deleted, text in blue be added):

Page 3, para 3:

"In general, the best age for eye testing is before a dog has reached one year old and thereafter on an annual basis. In some breeds, it is necessary to test them as young pups (between 6 and 10 weeks of age) under separate Litter Screening rules. Breeders of pedigree litters **in any breed that may suffer from eye diseases that require litter screening** are advised to have the eyes of all pups checked by an ACES Panellist before sale, to protect their interests under Consumer Protection law in the event of a buyer dispute."

Rationale:

Advice to litter test all puppies, regardless of breed, brings allegations of over-servicing.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/J Neddermeyer that the third paragraph on Page 3 of the ACES Information for Owners document to be amended to read:

*“In general, the best age for eye testing is before a dog has reached one year old and thereafter on an annual basis. In some breeds, it is necessary to test them as young pups (between 6 and 10 weeks of age) under separate Litter Screening rules. Breeders of pedigree litters **in any breed** that may suffer from eye diseases that require litter screening are advised to have the eyes of all pups checked by an ACES Panellist before sale, to protect their interests under Consumer Protection law in the event of a buyer dispute.”*

Mr Gunter questioned who determined which litters were subject to these screenings. It was suggested the National Breed Council would determine this.

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that the third paragraph on Page 3 of the ACES Information for Owners document to be amended to read:

*“In general, the best age for eye testing is before a dog has reached one year old and thereafter on an annual basis. In some breeds, it is necessary to test them as young pups (between 6 and 10 weeks of age) under separate Litter Screening rules. Breeders of pedigree litters **in any breed** that may suffer from eye diseases that require litter screening are advised to have the eyes of all pups checked by an ACES Panellist before sale, to protect their interests under Consumer Protection law in the event of a buyer dispute.”*

Page 7, final para:

“3. The following documents MUST BE brought to the consultation:

*(a) The current **original registration certificate** issued by an Australian State Canine Control or the registering authority in the country of origin, endorsed with a record of permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).*

*(b) Any **change of ownership documentation**, or original export certificate issued by the country of origin.*

*(c) **The most recent eye certificate** issued by ~~a pre-existing examination system~~ in Australia or overseas.*

*(d) A formal transcript of any **genetic test results** for a relevant eye condition issued by a recognised testing laboratory, that the owner wishes to see included in the ANKC Inherited Diseases database.*

*(e) For litter screening (unless individual registrations have been issued), a copy of the **Application for Litter Registration** form showing registration details of both sire and dam, including a signed Certificate of Service. **details of each puppy’s permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).***

*If any of these documents are held but are not presented, the examination may proceed but results will not be made available (even verbally) and **the certificate will not be issued** until the missing documents are sighted.”*

Rationale:

Requirement of provision of all these documents is unwieldy and unnecessary. In practical terms, ophthalmologists are not requiring the production of these papers, simply registration documents and evidence of positive identification.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/J Neddermeyer that the final paragraph of Page 7 of the ACES Information for Owners document be amended to read:

“3. The following documents MUST BE brought to the consultation:

(a) The **current registration certificate** issued by an Australian State Canine Control or the registering authority in the country of origin, endorsed with a record of permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).

(b) For litter screening (unless individual registrations have been issued), details of each puppy’s permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).

*If any of these documents are held but are not presented, the examination may proceed but results will not be made available (even verbally) and **the certificate will not be issued** until the missing documents are sighted.”*

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that the final paragraph of Page 7 of the ACES Information for Owners document be amended to read:

“3. The following documents MUST BE brought to the consultation:

(a) The **current registration certificate** issued by an Australian State Canine Control or the registering authority in the country of origin, endorsed with a record of permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).

(b) For litter screening (unless individual registrations have been issued), details of each puppy’s permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).

*If any of these documents are held but are not presented, the examination may proceed but results will not be made available (even verbally) and **the certificate will not be issued** until the missing documents are sighted.”*

Page 8, fourth last para:

*“Any appeal must be lodged in writing with AVA within 30 days of the examination being conducted. The owner will then take the dog **together with the disputed certificate**, for examination by another ACES Panellist. The second panellist will charge the normal fee, with all other costs (including travel) being borne by the owner.”*

Rationale:

Requirement to provide disputed certificate means appeal procedure lacks transparency and indicates lack of confidence in professional competence of panelists.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/J Neddermeyer that the fourth last paragraph on Page 8 of the ACES Information for Owners document to be amended to read:

“Any appeal must be lodged in writing with AVA within 30 days of the examination being conducted. The owner will then take the dog, for examination by another ACES Panellist. The second panellist will charge the normal fee, with all other costs (including travel) being borne by the owner.”

It was unanimously RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that the fourth last paragraph on Page 8 of the ACES Information for Owners document to be amended to read:

“Any appeal must be lodged in writing with AVA within 30 days of the examination being conducted. The owner will then take the dog, for examination by another ACES Panellist. The second panellist will charge the normal fee, with all other costs (including travel) being borne by the owner.”

2.10 Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES) – Rules & Procedures
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 5.5)

National Labrador Retriever Council

That the following sections of the ACES Rules and Procedures documentation be amended as suggested (text in red be deleted, text in blue be added):

Page 5, fourth last para:

*“ANKC supports the National Breed Councils in their efforts to **co-ordinate the activities of breed clubs in each State, as well as** seeking consensus on matters that are in the breed’s national interest.”*

Rationale:

The NBCs do not co-ordinate the activities of breed clubs, in fact their constitutions specifically prohibit them attempting to do this.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/J Neddermeyer that the fourth last paragraph on Page 5 of the ACES Rules and Procedures document to be amended to read:

“ANKC supports the National Breed Councils in their efforts to seeking consensus on matters that are in the breed’s national interest.”

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that the fourth last paragraph on Page 5 of the ACES Rules and Procedures document to be amended to read:

“ANKC supports the National Breed Councils in their efforts to seek consensus on matters that are in the breed’s national interest.”

It was unanimously RESOLVED on the motion of M Gunter/M Wheeler that an amendment be made to the ACES Rules and Procedures documentation to include the following directive that no matters contained in the documents shall apply to any breed which has a National Breed Council without prior consultation and approval with/from the National Breed Council.

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Page 8, fourth last para:

“The following documents must be sighted by the examining 18ealize18 at the time of the examination:

- (iv) *The current **original registration certificate** issued by a State Canine Control or the registering authority in the country of origin, endorsed with a record of permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).*
- (v) *Any **change of ownership documentation** or original export certificate from the country of origin.*
- (iii) *Any **previous eye certificates** The most recent **eye certificate** issued by a veterinary eye specialist in Australia or overseas.*
- (iv) *A formal transcript of any **genetic test results for a relevant eye condition** issued by a 18ealize18ed commercial testing laboratory, that the owner wishes to see included in the ANKC Inherited Diseases database.*

*If any of these documents are held but not presented, then the examination may proceed but the results will not be made available (even verbally) and the certificate will not be issued until the missing documents have been sighted by the ACES Panellist. Unless individual registration certificates are to hand, ACES Panellists carrying out a Litter Assessment will need to see **details of each puppy’s permanent identification (microchip or tattoo). a copy of the Application to Register the Litter, including registration details for the sire and dam and a signed service certificate.**”*

Rationale:

As stated previously.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/J Neddermeyer that the fourth last paragraph on Page 8 of the ACES Rules and Procedures document be amended to read:

“The following documents must be sighted by the examining 18ealize18 at the time of the examination:

- (vi) *The current registration certificate issued by a State Canine Control or the registering authority in the country of origin, endorsed with a record of permanent identification (microchip or tattoo).*

*If any of these documents are held but not presented, then the examination may proceed but the results will not be made available (even verbally) and the certificate will not be issued until the missing documents have been sighted by the ACES Panellist. Unless individual registration certificates are to hand, ACES Panellists carrying out a Litter Assessment will need to see **details of each puppy’s permanent identification (microchip or tattoo)**”.*

It was unanimously RESOLVED to refer Item 6.3.7 back to the National Labrador Retriever Council seeking clarification of the word ‘yealizey’

Page 10, para 3.

*“By seeking to be placed on an ANKC-approved **Open Register** for inherited disease surveillance, the National Breed Council for that breed is making a clear statement on behalf of all active breeders and club members. They are saying that optimum health standards are important to them, and that while all disease testing is undertaken voluntarily, adherence to a strict policy of disease surveillance is a prerequisite for any serious breeding program. They realize that by offering all puppy buyers such a transparent commitment to quality assurance, they are expressing a higher degree of confidence in the general health of any puppy purchased from a responsible breeder and breed club member.”*

Rationale:

It is inappropriate and presumptuous to include general assumptions such as this in documentation relating to an eye scheme.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of S Powers/J Neddermeyer that the following text be deleted from paragraph 3 on Page 10 of the ACES Rules and Procedures document.

*“By seeking to be placed on an ANKC-approved **Open Register** for inherited disease surveillance, the National Breed Council for that breed is making a clear statement on behalf of all active breeders and club members. They are saying that optimum health standards are important to them, and that while all disease testing is undertaken voluntarily, adherence to a strict policy of disease surveillance is a prerequisite for any serious breeding program. They realize that by offering all puppy buyers such a transparent commitment to quality assurance, they are expressing a higher degree of confidence in the general health of any puppy purchased from a responsible breeder and breed club member.”*

It was RESOLVED to endorse the recommendation that the following text be deleted from paragraph 3 on Page 10 of the ACES Rules and Procedures document.

“By seeking to be placed on an ANKC-approved **Open Register** for inherited disease surveillance, the National Breed Council for that breed is making a clear statement on behalf of all active breeders and club members. They are saying that optimum health standards are important to them, and that while all disease testing is undertaken voluntarily, adherence to a strict policy of disease surveillance is a prerequisite for any serious breeding program. They realize that by offering all puppy buyers such a transparent commitment to quality assurance, they are expressing a higher degree of confidence in the general health of any puppy purchased from a responsible breeder and breed club member.”

It was unanimously RESOLVED that subject to clarification of Item 6.3.7 and its subsequent approval via the electronic approval process, a letter be sent to the AVA seeking a meeting with the Ophthalmologists Panel to discuss a listing of amendments the ANKC has concerning the ACES scheme.

Since the October 2008 Conference the ANKC President has been liaising with the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) regarding ongoing concerns the ANKC has regarding ACES. A copy of Mr Gent’s letter and the AVA response is attached.

Refer Attachment 2.10.

2.11 Tail Type Recorded on Certificate of Registration & Pedigree
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 5.6)

National Tenterfield Terrier Council

The NTTBC seeks approval to have the tail type (either a natural bob-tail, full tail or docked tail) of each Tenterfield Terrier recorded on the Certificate of Registration and Pedigree.

Rationale

Should it be necessary, this will provide verification to judges, veterinarians, government officials and the like when a Tenterfield Terrier is born with a natural bob-tail by having its tail type documented on the official ANKC Registration and Pedigree certificate. Recording of the tail type will be compulsory for all pups being registered.

Despite the Tenterfield Terrier becoming more well-known, many judges, veterinarians, etc. still do not realise the Tenterfield Terrier is a breed that carries a natural bob-tail gene. Studies into genetic inheritance of the natural bob-tail in Tenterfield Terriers authenticate that pups in a single litter can have a range of tail lengths.

Since the inception of the Tenterfield Terrier Club of Australia's development register, breeders have identified the tail type when registering each pup in the litter, ie full tail, natural bob or docked tail.

As with all dog breeds, the breeder's word has always been accepted for any information provided on litter details such as sires, dams and dates of birth.

In the case of a dog having its tail docked by a vet due to medical reasons a copy of the veterinarians evidence will need to be forwarded to the breeders' state body along with a request to note a docked tail on the certificate.

Some delegates were concerned about the inclusion of the wording "docked tail" due to legal reasons and questions were raised as to whether the current database would allow wording such as "docked due to veterinary reasons". Dr Hedberg said she did not believe the database could cater for this.

Mrs Gunter questioned if the motion was too broad in its current form particularly in respect of provision of proper certification as to the "natural bobtail", etc.

Mrs Harvey agreed to amend the motion to delete the wording "docked tail".

J Harvey moved an amendment to the motion, seconded M Wheeler that the NTTBC seeks approval to have the tail type (either a natural bob-tail or full tail) of each Tenterfield Terrier recorded on the Certificate of Registration and Pedigree.

On being put to the vote the amendment was CARRIED.

The amendment then became the motion and on being put to the vote was carried.

Delegates queried why a notation for a full tail was required as the majority agreed if the dog did not have a bob-tail then it would be assumed it had a full tail.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the National Tenterfield Terrier Council be advised that there is already a facility to have a Natural Bobtail on the database.

2.12 ANKC Herding Rules – Breeds Eligible for Herding - Inclusion of Rottweiler
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 5.8)

National Rottweiler Council

That the Rottweiler be included on the list of “Breeds eligible for the Herding Test Programme” under the ANKC Rules & Regulations for Herding.

Rationale:

Refer attached submission. (Attachment 5.8)

Please note at the October 2007 ANKC Conference delegates resolved that any agenda items received by the ANKC Administration for the annual conference pertaining to national committees such as Agility, Herding, Obedience, Tracking, Retrieving & Field, etc be directed first to the relevant committees for review and preparation of a submission to the next ANKC Conference.

A copy of the submission has been circulated to the National Herding Committee and we are awaiting their response.

Delegates noted this was work in progress awaiting recommendation from the National Herding Committee. The ANKC Administrator confirmed she would liaise with the National Rottweiler Council Secretary on this matter.

This matter was referred to the National Herding Committee. The Committee recommendation supporting the request was circulated to Member Bodies via the electronic approval process in July 2008 and was unanimously endorsed. As is normal process all issues circulated electronically are listed on the agenda of the annual conference and delegates approved for Rottweilers to be included in the breeds eligible for Herding effective from 1 January, 2009.

2.13 Best Breeding Practices
(Refer Minutes 28.06.08, Item 7.1)

(Submitted by Dr Karen Hedberg, Chairperson of the ANKC Canine Health Committee)

After the problems in Victoria where legislation was enacted regulating the breeding of animals with heritable defects, we as a body (the ANKC) need to be proactive to avoid having such legislation being enacted in other states. With the general push towards more and more restrictive legislation we have to be ahead of the game to survive.

What is being proposed in NSW, through DOGS NSW, is developing “best breeding practices” for different diseases. These are similar to what assisted DOGS Vic to develop to cope with the legislative requirements of the Act. These can be standardised for different diseases and then adapted to individual breed requirements. Once developed, the best breeding practices could be adopted by breed clubs initially as Club guidelines and eventually as accepted Club policy.

To avoid interference from governments and to show we are truly concerned on welfare matters and have the future of our breeds (and dog ownership in general) at heart, we must be seen to be proactive. This would hopefully avoid other legislation as was proposed and defeated (at this time) in NSW.

The National Canine Health Committee would be very useful in assisting the development of such guidelines.

Refer Attachments:

7.1a: Controlling Genetic Diseases in Companion Animals

7.1b: Best Breeding Practice for Von Willebrands Disease (Types 1 and 2)

7.1c: Best Breeding Practice for Collie Eye Anomaly

7.1d: Best Breeding Practice for Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (CL)

7.1e: Best Breeding Practice for Hereditary Cataracts

7.1f: Best Breeding Practice for Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA)

Delegates noted advice from Dr Hedberg that the current situation in Victoria in relation to their State Legislation had only highlighted the fact that it was not a case of if it will occur in other States, but when it would happen in every single State/Territory in Australia as was the case with tail docking.

She said she was aware that the New South Wales Government was currently trying to pass a law which effectively would stop the sale of any dog or cat.

The ANKC needed to show to the Government that we have Best Practices in place to protect the welfare and future of our breeds and suggested the tabled documents were only a base upon which to build on.

It was RESOLVED on the motion of L Gunter/D Cross to move a vote of support for the work already undertaken by Dr Hedberg so far in respect of Best Breeding Practices.

Delegates at the October 2008 Conference noted the information provided by Dr Karen Hedberg.

Please note the following addition decision was resolved at the October 2007 ANKC Conference in relation to National Breed Councils.

- 2.14 Amendment to ANKC Regulations Part 13, Clause 4.2.5
(Refer Minutes 24.10.08, Item 7.1)

CCCQ

That the ANKC Regulations 13 Part 4.2.5 that states that 'where a National Show is held, no Challenge Certificates shall be awarded for the breed/s involved in the National Show, within a radius of 1000km from the show on that day/s' be amended to reduce the distance from 1000km to 500km

Rationale:

The distance is excessive and is causing problems in Qld. For example the National Dalmatian Show on 18 April 2010 to be hosted by Dalmatian Club of NSW causes a problem with the Kennel Association of Queensland Show (one of Qld's oldest Club Shows) as no Challenge Certificates can be given at this Show. The CCCQ at present cannot award Challenges when a National Show is held in Sydney (733km) or Canberra (945km), this is felt to be very excessive. The ACTCA is also greatly affected at present and cannot award Challenges when a National Show is held in any of the 'Eastern Capitals' (including Adelaide). I attach below a table of distances for reference.

	Brisbane	Sydney	Canberra	Melbourne	Hobart	Adelaide
Brisbane	0	733	945	1373	1788	1600
Sydney	733	0	247.4	712	1056	1161
Canberra	945	247.4	0	465	857	958
Melbourne	1373	712	465	0	597	654
Hobart	1788	1056	857	597	0	1161
Adelaide	1600	1161	958	654	1161	0

It was RESOLVED that the ANKC Regulations 13 Part 4.2.5 that states that 'where a National Show is held, no Challenge Certificates shall be awarded for the breed/s involved in the National Show, within a radius of 1000km from the show on that day/s' be amended to reduce the distance from 1000km to 500km.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the change to Regulations 13 Part 4.2.5 be implemented from 1 January 2010.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Nil

4. Report from the National Breed Standards Committee

Delegates will receive an update report from a member of the National Breed Standards Coordinators Group (NBSCG).

5. Items Submitted by National Breed Councils

5.1 Allowable Colours Listing

National Bull Terrier Council

THAT the changes to allowable colours in breeds, taken effect on April 1st 2009 be revised immediately, and ANKC must consult with the individual breed councils/ clubs & breed standards, to obtain a list of correct colours, specific to each individual breed.

Rationale:

Current changes to allowable colours in force from April 1 this year do not correctly represent colours as written in individual breed standards for all of the breeds listed.

In a number of breeds, genetic colour patterns (eg. Tricolour , brindle, smut) determine the colours & markings of offspring from specific colour matings. This information if printed on pedigrees must be specific & correct, to future reference for breeders, otherwise incorrect colour combinations will result from breedings done for a deliberate colour or colour pattern.

As an example; with bull terriers/ bull terrier miniature.....tricolour is an important colour pattern. Tricolour in particular, mated to white carrying brindle produces rich colours of a full spectrum, including brindle. However any colour mated to a colour without the brindle gene will produce a different range of colours & NOT produce brindle offspring. Similarly reds & fawns with smut markings produce a different range of colour intensity & markings to parents with clear coats. Tri colour is currently changed to Black, Red & white, or Brindle, Red & white.....Red Smut & white would be classed as Red, Black & white.....this information can be deceptive for dogs with completely different colours & or genetic colour shadow.

It is a necessity for this information to be documented precisely.

5.2 Change to Tri-Colour on Allowable Colours Listing

National Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council

The Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council (Australia) request an explanation from the ANKC as to why the registered colour 'Tricolour' has been changed to 'Black, Tan & White'. We further request that in future the ANKC clearly communicate the relevant information in relation to any proposed changes, such as this one, to the affected National Breed Councils prior to implementation of those changes.

Rationale:

The Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council (Australia) feel that the ANKC's move to change the colour description on registration/pedigree certificates of Collies (Rough & Smooth) will lead to confusion. The Breed Standards as written are a concise description of the dogs themselves and we support the view that the Standard is the ultimate authority. 'Tricolour' as a colour description of Collies (Rough & Smooth) on the official paperwork is preferred by the Collie (Rough & Smooth) Council (Australia) to the ANKC's description of Black, White and Tan.

5.3 Litter Registration Limitations for German Shepherd Dogs

German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia)

Some four years ago on the 11th of May 2005, the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia wrote to the Australian National Kennel Council expressing concern that while German Shepherds are required to be x-rayed for Hip Dysplasia and Elbow Dysplasia, a breeder is still able to register progeny from animals irrespective of the score and result. It is disappointing that no action has been taken.

We felt at that time if the initial principle that introduced this requirement was one of breed improvement then the time had come whereby we should apply some restrictions on animals which clearly fail and show evidence of being severely affected with either Hip Dysplasia or Elbow Dysplasia or both.

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia has conducted a Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme since 1983 and an Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme since 1993. In fact in regards to assessment of animals affected by Elbow Dysplasia, together with Norway and Sweden, Australia was identified as world leaders in assessing the disease within our breeding stock.

As the current regulation stands, a sire or dam of a litter could in fact be severely dysplastic and/or be severely affected with elbow dysplasia (e.g. Grade 3 or UAP.)

In this day and age with the increased activity of the 'anti-dog lobby' and more importantly the "anti pure breed dog lobby", as well as dealing with the designer dog fraternity and the ever changing State and Federal Legislation, it is imperative that pedigree German Shepherd puppies being offered for sale to the public are sounder in body and mind and are seen as a responsible member of the community.

The current Litter Registrations Limitations for German Shepherd Dogs reads as follows:-

8.3 German Shepherd Dogs

Effective 16.10.2005, litters from the mating of German Shepherd Dogs under the age of 18 months (either the Sire or Dam) at the time of mating, are eligible to be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged NOT TO BE UPGRADED, (Amended 10/07 6.3.1)

8.4 German Shepherd Dogs

For all German Shepherds born after 1/1.99 and where the parents were born after 1.1.97 these parents must show results of x-rays for hips and elbows and Haemophilia A result for males.

Effective September 1 2004 the following requirements will apply:-

- 1. All imported GSD males must have an Australian Hneg certificate prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia*
- 2. All sons of imported GSDs bitches must be in possession of an Hneg certificate prior to ANY progeny being registered in Australia*
- 3. All GSD males born from litters imported in whelp must be in possession of a Hneg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia*
- 4. Where a GSD bitch is sired by imported semen, any of her male offspring must have a Hneg certificate prior to ANY of their progeny being registered in Australia. (05/040)*

The membership of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia believes that it is important that any breeding program should be undertaken responsibly and for the purpose of improving the breed.

It is ten years since the requirement was introduced for German Shepherd Dogs to show proof of x-ray for hips and elbows. It should be noted that a total hip score of 24 is almost twice the breed average and hence the majority of the breeding stock will still be utilised in breeding programs, but it will ensure the removal of animals severely affected with Hip Dysplasia.

While animals with Grade Three elbows or Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP) form a small percentage of animals x-rayed and numerically are very small, in reality pose a real threat of increasing the incidence of Elbow Dysplasia within the German Shepherd Dog, hence only Normal, Grade One & Grade Two animals should be used for breeding.

The German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia wish to place on the Agenda of the National Breed Council Conference to be held on 18th July in Melbourne the following alteration to Litter Registrations Limitations for German Shepherd Dogs.

Motion 1: As from 1st January 2010, progeny from German Shepherd Dogs assessed with a total hip score greater than twenty-four (24) and/or assessed with Grade Three elbows and/or diagnosed with an Ununited Anconeal Process (UAP) are not registered.

Motion 2: As from 1st January 2010 progeny from imported German Shepherd Dogs (either sire or dam) must meet the above criteria or be in possession of a pass for hips and elbows in a recognised scheme.

The GSDCA now believe that the above alteration to the breeding requirements for German Shepherd Dogs is long overdue and require that the ANKC takes immediate action.

5.4 Recognised Colours for the German Shepherd Dog

German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia)

The situation that has developed over the past twelve months in regards to the permissible colours for German Shepherd Dogs is unbelievable, and has meant confusion not only for breeders, Canine Control employees but more importantly to the public when they purchased a “black and yellow” German Shepherd Dog.

The word “gold” and the word “tan” and “sable” have been used when describing a German Shepherd Dog since the adoption of the SV standard. Translation of the standard should be translated into dog terminology relative to the breed and this is certainly not the case with the English version of the FCI standard on the FCI website.

We are advising the SV of the incorrect wording contained within the translation on the FCI website and as the President of the SV is the Vice President of the FCI we hope that some action will be taken as a matter of urgency.

The GSDCA has always believed in the adoption of the standard of the “country of origin” and fought very long and hard for the ANKC to adopt the SV standard.

We have approached the National Breed Standards Committee on a number of occasions recently to request that some common sense be applied changing the word from “yellow” to “gold” but to date we have not received any replies to our breeders concerns. We have increasing pressure from our members for the GSDCA to be proactive on this issue.

We do not want to change the standard we just want a correct translation which clearly and correctly describes the German Shepherd Dog which has been used in Australia for a number of years.

We have a number of members in our fraternity that are acknowledged as being professional interpreters from German to English and I can assure you that they all agree that the use of the word “yellow” as a colour for the German Shepherd Dog is incorrect. We will discuss the use of the word “rump” instead of croup under separate cover.

While early in the year some discussions were held with the National Breed Standards Council it is disappointing that despite a number of emails over the past couple of months we have received no reply of the National Breed Standards Council on this matter.

Why would the National Breed Standards Committee ask for a submission from the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia in November 2005 and then take no notice of the recommendation. It is very hard to explain this to our members.

Early in November 2005 Roger Bridgford approached the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia advising that he urgently required a letter from the GSDCA stating what colours are permitted on the Main Register, Limited Register and the colours that are a disqualification and are not permitted to be registered.

Dr Karen Hedberg at that time was a member of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia Executive and prepared a response to be forwarded by the GSDCA Secretary to the National Breed Standards Committee. In fact Dr Karen Hedberg made the comment that the colour issue in regards to the German Shepherd Dog is relatively straight forward.

Please find below a copy of correspondence forwarded by the GSDCA Secretary to Roger Bradford and copied to Tracy Barry, ANKC Administrator on the 18th November 2005.

FCI Standard on Colour in the GSD

states:-

Black with reddish tan, tan, gold to light grey markings. All black, and all grey; in greys with dark shadings; black saddle and mask. Unobtrusive, small white markings on chest as well as very light colour on insides of legs permissible but not desirable. The nose must be black in all colour types. Lacking mask, light to piercing eyes, as well as whitish markings on chest, inner sides of the legs, light nails and red tip of tail are to be rated as lacking in pigment. The undercoat is of a light grey toning. The colour white is not permitted.

From this:-

Colours PERMITTED on the Main Register.

The colours that are permitted on the Main Register are;- black, black and red/gold/tan/brown and grey. Greys are also called sable and can be red or grey sable.

Colours NOT permitted on the Main Register but may be registered on the Limited Register.

The colours that are not permitted on the Main Register are:- blue and tan, and liver and tan (i.e. the nose is not black).

Colours that are a disqualification and not permitted to be registered (and are listed in the disqualification faults).

Albinos and whites (even with dark eyes and nails) are to be rejected as a disqualification from registration.

General discussion on Colour in the GSD

Pigment generally refers to the degree of black on a dog, the mask and the colour of the nails.

A well pigmented GSD has a good "mask", or black around the muzzle. Lack of mask detracts from the characteristic expression of the GSD.

Colour generally refers to the tan or gold of the GSD and can range from a darkish tan (brown) through a rich red to gold, then the paler shades of gold - all are acceptable. However whitish to silver shades of the gold areas are undesirable.

Black dogs have some tan hairs between the toes. Optically they look smaller and finer and it is uncommon to see one in the ring at this time. Undercoat black to dark grey through to lighter grey in the trousers.

Bi-Colour dogs are very dark dogs, having black running down the legs. This is permissible and is a sign of very good (if a somewhat heavy dose) of pigment.

Undercoat dark to light grey in black areas. These dogs rarely occur and are usually still registered as black and gold.

Black and Tan (black and gold, black and tan) by far the most common colour seen with a characteristic saddle pattern over the back and sides.

The black can be very dark through to "washed out". Those that are washed out have a very small area of "saddle" and invariably very little mask and whitish nails - this is referred to as lacking pigmentation and would, in a class, be penalised according to the degree of paling.

Black and gold (saddle) dogs can have a "salt and pepper" effect down the back, which is quite permissible. Undercoat on the saddle (black) areas is grey, lighter colours (in the saddle area) often accompanies paler pigment.

Grey or Sable dogs can come in a variety of shades from gun-metal (very dark grey, this can sometimes extend nearly all over the dog), red sable (where the gold is very red) through to a pale sable (where pigment may be lacking in the mask and nails). The tips of the hair are black, heavier over the "saddle" area.

The undercoat on sables is varying shades of fawn to light gold, most readily seen where the hair parts over the ribs. Sable puppies' final coat colour and pigment can be difficult to estimate, and under 6 months can look tan all over while changing coat.

As one can see the submission was very detailed and gave a clear description of the permissible colours of the German Shepherd Dog.

It is a matter of urgency that the ANKC recognise the colours as detailed in the original submission:-

Colours PERMITTED on the Main Register.

The colours that are permitted on the Main Register for German Shepherd Dogs are:-

- **black,**
- **black and red/gold/tan/brown and grey.**
- **Greys are also called sable and can be red or grey sable.**

5.5 Breed Standard Extension

German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia)

The GSDCA submits the comments below to the ANKC to express our disappointment in the Extended Breed Standard of the German Shepherd Dog which appears on the ANKC Website.

It was a long term ambition of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia that the ANKC accept the standard of the Country of Origin, in this case Germany. This was achieved on the 1st of January 1994.

The Extended Breed Standard for the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia was first prepared by Mrs. Ann Mitchell and Mrs. Honey Gross-Richardson and adopted by the ANKC in 1996.

A request to update the extended standard was received in November 2005 and initially an update was carried out by Dr Karen Hedberg, who at that time was the GSDCA Judges Committee Chairman.

In early 2006, Mrs. Robyn Knuckey was appointed to the position of Judges Committee Chairman and submitted to the Judges Committee Meeting in Adelaide in July 2006 a discussion paper for input and comments on the proposed Extended Breed Standard for the German Shepherd Dog.

The comments from GSDCA Specialists Judges were noted and the document was submitted for approval at the 2007 GSDCA AGM, where the Member Clubs approved the content and for the document to be forwarded to the ANKC.

It is indeed disappointing that the document that appears on the ANKC website does not reflect the document approved by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia. The ANKC have substituted the previously translated FCI standard with a very poorly translated SV standard that appears on the FCI website.

This means that comments submitted by the GSDCA no longer make sense and the document does not meet the level of professionalism that the GSDCA require and does not reflect the document approved by the GSDCA in February 2007.

Accordingly to the guidelines the extended standard is compiled purely for the purpose of training Australian Judges and students of the breed.

The German Shepherd Dog fraternity feels very strongly that it not acceptable for any Australian Judge to describe a croup of the German Shepherd Dog as a 'rump' or the colour "black and yellow" or the tail should reach the "rear pastern".

It is hard to believe that the document is not available in colour on the ANKC website especially as it is deemed to be an educational tool for Australian Judges.

Interpreters of canine terminology must have an understanding of the breed specific and general terms, in order to interpret a Breed Standard but more importantly must be familiar with the canine terminology of the country for which one is working.

Everyday dog phraseology has a great bearing on the breeders' and judges' understanding of the specialist terminology that is found in the various breeds. A comparative study of many standards will highlight the sections where a concise Dictionary translation would not be sufficient!

Therefore we believe that the translation that appears on the FCI website does not meet the above highlighted points.

We are advising the SV of the incorrect wording contained within the translation on the FCI website and as the President of the SV is the Vice President of the FCI we hope that some action will be taken as a matter of urgency but in the interim we are requesting that the ANKC address the concerns expressed by the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia.

We therefore request that the current Extended Breed Standard of the German Shepherd Dog be returned to the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia for review and update to a more accurate educational tool for Australian Judges and students of the breed to improve their knowledge and appreciation of the German Shepherd Dog.

These comments are made in good faith and the only aim and objective of the German Shepherd Dog Council of Australia is to relay the correct information to all judges and interested parties to improve their knowledge and appreciation of the German Shepherd Dog.

5.6 Breeding Age - Poodles

National Poodle Council

That all three varieties of the poodle breed not be mated prior to 12 months of age.

Rationale:

As we have one breed (albeit three varieties) we feel there should be consistency regarding the breeding criteria. We feel that no poodle regardless of variety is psychologically or physically mature to be bred from before 12 months.

5.7 Name of New Breeds

National Poodle Council

We request that the ANKC prevent any new breeds being registered with any reference to poodle in the name (eg oodle or/poo).

Rationale:

- 1. That is derogatory to the poodle breed.*
- 2. It gives a false impression that it is a legitimate pure breed as opposed to a cross breed or mongrel.*
- 3. It conveys to the general public the impression that these dogs have the same predictable attributes as pure bred poodles – eg. Non shedding coat or lack of typical dog body odour.*

5.8 Rottweiler Breed Standard Extension (BSE) – Tail Carriages

National Rottweiler Council

To include the ADRK Pictorial Explanations of acceptable and non acceptable tail carriages in the ANKC Extended Rottweiler Breed Standard."

Rationale:

There is a misunderstanding on the part of some judges in Australia as to the acceptable tail carriages due to the ambiguous wording in the Breed Standard. The ADRK Pictorial Explanation shows very clearly that only the fourth picture tail carriage is unacceptable. (refer below)

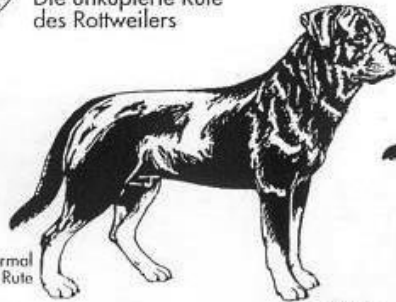


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Die unkupierte Rute
des Rottweilers

The normally
carried rod

Die normal
getragene Rute



The sable rod
shows strained
expectation

Die Sabel-Rute zeigt
angespannte Erwartung



A little bit curled
rod
(happy excitation)

Die etwas geringelte Rute
(freudige Erregung)



The ring rod is
incorrect

Die Ringel-Rute
ist fehlerhaft



5.9 Request for exemption for Tenterfield Terriers

National Tenterfield Terrier Council

The NTTC requests that an exemption be given to Tenterfield Terriers:

1. To breed dogs that are presently placed on the Limited Register because their dilute (blue) colour does not meet the current Breed Standard.
2. To place progeny of these dilute (blue) dogs on the ANKC Main Register if they meet the current colour requirements of the Breed Standard.

Rationale:

As dilute (blue) colour occurs in Tenterfield Terriers, this exemption would give the NTTCA the opportunity to:

1. *Monitor progeny for known health issues which sometimes accompany the dilute (blue) gene in other breeds.*
2. *The opportunity to document any problems that may arise.*
3. *Be in a position to recommend a change to the Tenterfield Terrier Breed Standard at such time the NTTC is satisfied that there are no inherited problems arising as a result of the dilute (blue) gene.*

As a breed with the Development Register still in place, the NTTC feels it is a pity to eliminate quality specimens from our already restricted gene pool because of a colour which has not yet been sufficiently researched in Tenterfield Terriers.

5.10 Lifetime Protection of Prefixes

National Weimaraner Council

That Regulations Part 10 be amended to include the ability for National Breed Councils to apply to protect historic prefix.

Rationale:

National Breed Council can submit names of prefix that they believe have historic value to their breed in the country, a fee could be set for that the National Council to pay to protect that prefix for a certain period of time. (Fee and time to be determined)

Any national council has the option to take this and the cost be paid by the national council.

Submission be made and fee's paid by the particular National Council for the period of time and then once that period is up renewal notice sent to the National Council with in 12 months of expiry so the prefix can be renewed.

5.11 ANKC Political Lobbyist

National Weimaraner Council

That the National Weimaraner Council moves that the ANKC takes steps to employ a political lobbyist as soon as possible.

Rationale:

Lobbyist duties would be to promote and engage in discussion when it comes to any legislation or policy changes etc which may have an advertise effect on any canine actives.

5.12 Amendment to ANKC Regulations Part 13

National Whippet Council

The National Whippet Council requests that Clause 2.3.2 of the current ANKC Regulations Part 13 be amended to allow multi breed clubs to host National Breed Shows.

Rationale:

Currently the Whippet & Greyhound Club of SA Inc cannot host a single breed National Show as they are considered a "multi breed" club.

This puts the Whippet Clubs at a disadvantage as there are only two Whippet Clubs plus the "multi breed" Whippet & Greyhound Club.

This Council believes that all Clubs who pay full fees should be permitted to host a National Breed Show. The Whippet & Greyhound Club of Sa Inc feel they have been discriminated against by having to pay fees whilst they are not entitled to the full benefits of being part of a National Breed Council.

5.13 Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES)

National Shetland Sheepdog Council

The National Shetland Sheepdog Council wishes to place the following Item on the Agenda for the National Breed Councils Conference to be held on the 18th July, 2009.

- Provision be made on the ACES forms for examining Ophthalmologist to fill in their complete contact details, e.g., name, address & telephone number, as well as their signature.

Rationale:

On the current ACES documentation, for eye examinations, there is only provision for the examining Ophthalmologist to sign and print his/her name, there is no where for other contact details e.g., address and telephone numbers. These details need to be clearly endorsed on the ACES certificate, in the event a concerned purchaser of a puppy, particularly one diagnosed with a hereditary disease, knows who to contact if the need arises.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8. MEETING CLOSED: