



THE AUSTRALIAN WORKING BORDER COLLIE REGISTRY INC

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REGISTRY RULES

I.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION OF DOGS

In the following text the word 'dog' signifies both male (dog) and female (bitch). When gender is relevant the terms sire and dam are used.

The acronym 'AWBCR' signifies the Australian Working Border Collie Registry.

Summary of the process for the Registration of Working Border Collies to the AWBCR

- a. The owner(s) of the dog must be, or make application to register as a member(s) of the AWBCR.
- b. The submitted pedigree must have four generations of known **working** Border Collie Bloodlines, these are researched extensively and any persons making application to register a dog that does not withstand scrutiny will have their application rejected. Show Dogs are not permitted.
- c. The dog does not have to be registered in an approved register, but the provenance of the pedigree must withstand the scrutiny of investigation. All submitted pedigrees are researched throughout the current State Records and within the existing AWBCR. Other approved registers that currently are accepted are ISDS¹ and ABCA².
- d. The registry does not have an appendix register nor does it have a Register of Merit. This is to encourage all members to extensively check pedigree's before they purchase a dog or puppy to avoid disappointment.
- e. **No** dogs of unknown origin are accepted and **No** dogs from other working breeds or their crosses are accepted. This list includes the Australian Kelpie, the Australian Cattle Dog, the Huntaway, the Black Barb, the German Collie, the Koolie and the Tasmanian Smithfield. The Registry reserves the right to add other breeds to this list as they become known.

¹ ISDS International Sheep Dog Society

² ABCA American Border Collie Association



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- f. The Various State Working Dog Registries within Australian are deemed acceptable as proof of the working status of the parents, these include all the registries that are run under the Australian Sheepdog Workers' Association and their affiliated associations which currently are:

New South Wales Working Sheep Dog Association

Queensland Working Sheep Dog Association

South Australian Working Sheepdog Association

Tasmanian Working Sheep Dog Association

Victorian Working Sheep Dog Association

The West Australian Working Sheepdog Association

The *Queensland Cattle Dog Association* which also maintains a register of working dogs.

- g. It is recommended although not compulsory that the dog submitted for registration has undergone the basic Health Screening as recommended by the Registry.
- h. All dogs applying for a AWBCR **Certified Pedigree**, have to be either CEA clear or carrier by the way of DNA testing or DNA CEA clear by parentage (Both parents have tested CEA clear by DNA). CEA affected dogs are not eligible. Copies of DNA testing and the corresponding Micro Chip number are to be supplied and held by the Registrar.
- i. Once the CEA profile of a dog is recorded in the AWBCR Registry, any CEA carriers are only to be bred to DNA tested CEA clear dogs. Any litters from a CEA affected parent will not be eligible for AWBCR registration. If an affected pup is bred from non-tested AWBCR parents, both parents are no longer **eligible for registration** until their CEA status is proven and recorded with the AWBCR through DNA testing.



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2.1 REGISTRATION APPLICATION FOR PUPPIES

- a. The registered owner of the bitch completes the Registration Form for Puppies when the litter is born. Once the Form has been submitted, no further pups may be added at any future date.
If the bitch has changed owner between mating and giving birth there must be a valid Transfer Form submitted
- b. Names assigned to pups must not be repeated in that litter. Prefixes to the name may be added only if they have been registered with the Registry; a Prefix Application Form is available. Names cannot be changed once registered but a consideration may be made for genuine errors if notified promptly.
- c. The pups will be registered to the owner of the bitch unless names and addresses of the person(s) to whom the pups are to be registered are given. This is effectively a free transfer after birth.
- d. Registrations must be in the name of an individual with full address and may not be to multiple names, organisations or companies.
- e. The breeder is responsible for supplying with the Registration Form any test documentation required for sire and dam.
- f. The supply of microchip details for pups is optional in some cases, but encouraged. Current state laws apply for microchips in working dogs and it is recommended that owners check with their particular state. The AWBCR recommends micro chipping.

3.1 FEES PAYABLE

- a. Fees payable are described on the Registration Form but are subject to revision and will be those applicable at the date of submission.

4.1 ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

- a. The Registry will supply a registration number and Certificate for every dog and puppy; in the case of puppies these will be sent to the owner of the bitch or sent directly to the puppy owners if requested.



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5.1 REJECTION OF REGISTRATION

- a. The Registry reserves the right to refuse any application but will seek to explain why.
- b. Documents must be signed by the named person or the application will be considered fraudulent and rendered void. There are limited situations where a power of attorney may be granted with prior approval.
- c. Where any applicant is found to have made a false statement, or fails to provide sufficient information on request, the Registry will delete the registration and, if warranted, have the registration of any dogs owned by the member cancelled.

6.1 REPLACEMENT AND UPDATED CERTIFICATES

- a. If Certificates are lost, or an owner wishes for new information to be added, a replacement can be supplied only to the Registered Keeper at the current fee.

7.1 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Note - Registration with the AWBCR is not the same as legal title. Someone who keeps the dog and keeps the certificate may be regarded as the 'Registered Keeper' and will be so described on the certificate. The Society may use the phrase 'registered owner' out of respect but that does not infer anything in law. Legal title can only be determined in a court of law.

- a. The currently Registered Keeper (Seller) may transfer his/her dog to any individual by submitting to the Registry a completed Transfer Form with the Certificate and the fee. The Registry will update its records, endorse the back of the Registration Certificate, and return the Certificate to the new keeper (Buyer). Neither Seller nor Buyer has to be a Member of the Registry.
- b. The Buyer may not sign for the Seller, any misrepresentation or forgery is a serious offence. If such activity is suspected the Registration of any dogs will be withdrawn and declared null and void.
- c. It is recommended - If a purchaser of an AWBCR-registered dog receives the Registration Certificate directly from the seller they should always ensure that they receive also a completed and signed Transfer Form.
- d. If someone has purchased a dog and holds the certificate, but is unable to contact the current registered owner, then they complete just the Buyer portion of the Transfer Card and request a Transfer Enquiry. There is an additional fee due for this enquiry



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and the Buyer must be a Member. The Registry will then seek to contact the current Registered Keeper and unless there is an overriding objection based on hard evidence the transfer will be enacted.

8.1 USE OF A PREFIX

- a. Members may apply for the sole use of their own choice of name prefix. This practice is encouraged as it helps identify the breeders. The Registry maintains a list of granted prefixes for use on new puppy registrations and issues a certificate to the owner. The prefix may be used by that member only for their lifetime but may be transferred by legal will if deceased on payment of the current fee. An application form is available with more details.

9.1 PEDIGREE CHARTS

- a. Authentic Four Generation (p, g, gg, ggg) Registry Pedigree Charts are available to any applicant on submission of the dog's number, name and current fee.