



Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Buying or obtaining a dog in Queensland

Many Queenslanders are concerned about the welfare of dogs and puppies sold and supplied in Queensland, so the Queensland Government has introduced new laws that will promote the responsible breeding of dogs.

From **26 May 2017**, all dog breeders must be registered on the Queensland Dog Breeder Register within 28 days of their puppies being born.

Every registered breeder will have a unique identification number—their supply number—that can be used to trace every puppy they breed back to them. This supply number must be provided when a dog is given away, sold or advertised.

Note: The new laws only apply to dogs born on or after 26 May 2017. Dogs born before this date are not affected.

Anyone who breeds a dog (including professional or occasional breeders, ‘mum and dad’ breeders, ‘accidental breeders’ and people who give away dogs or puppies) must register as a dog breeder, unless they qualify for an exemption.

A dog breeder is a person who has a female dog with a litter. A person must have a supply number to advertise, sell or give their dogs or puppies to another person.

If the puppies are bred by a primary producer who breeds dogs for other primary producers to be kept on rural land for use as working dogs, then a supply number is not required. However, primary producers must register as a breeder if they supply any dogs for purposes other than as working dogs.

The supply number is included in the dog’s microchip information. It will identify all dogs or puppies from a breeder and provides lifetime traceability of a dog’s origin.



All breeders and suppliers, including pet shops, must display the supply number when giving away, selling or advertising dogs and puppies.

What must I do when I get a dog?

You can help ensure that dogs and puppies are sold responsibly by only buying or obtaining dogs and puppies that have a valid supply number identifying the breeder.

The supply number and Queensland Dog Breeder Register allow the origin of dogs and puppies to be traced, so you can check that the breeder is registered and contact them directly regarding the dog.





When you get a dog or puppy:

- look for a supply number displayed in the advertisement or where the dog or puppy is being offered for sale or being given away
- check the online register to confirm that the supply number is valid and identifies the breeder
- contact the breeder if you have questions about the origin of a dog or puppy
- make sure you receive the microchip transfer-of-ownership papers when you obtain the dog or puppy and that these papers include a valid supply number.

How can I report concerns?

If you suspect a breeder is unregistered or a supply number is invalid, or if you have other concerns about the supply of a dog, please report it on the Queensland Dog Breeder Register. The register will automatically refer your concerns to the relevant agency for action.

More information

For more information, visit the Biosecurity Queensland website at www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au or call **13 25 23**.

To confirm a supply number or report concerns, visit the Queensland Dog Breeder Register website at qdb.qld.gov.au.

