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Can I still sell my puppies online, privately or through a pet shop?

Yes. However, if you sell a dog through a pet shop, they must use your supply number identifying you as the breeder.

If someone else gives away, sells or advertises your dog, they must use your supply number identifying you as the breeder.

What if I breed working dogs?

Primary producers that breed working dogs do not have to register as breeders, as long as they supply all puppies to other primary producers as working dogs. However, primary producers who breed working dogs must register as a breeder if they supply any dogs for purposes other than as working dogs.

A working dog is defined as a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept on rural land by an owner who is a primary producer or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer.

The dog is to be kept primarily for the purpose of droving, protecting, tending or working stock, or is being trained in droving, protecting, tending or working stock.

Are there mandatory breeder standards?

Biosecurity Queensland is working with RSPCA Queensland, Dogs Queensland and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission to develop draft animal welfare standards and guidelines for breeding dogs.

A number of key animal welfare issues relating to dog breeding will be considered during this process.

Once finalised, the standards will be adopted as compulsory under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*. All dog breeders in Queensland, including working dog breeders, will have to comply with the standards.



More information

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

To register as a breeder, visit the Queensland Dog Breeder Register website at qdbr.qld.gov.au.

Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Promoting responsible dog breeding

The Queensland Government is responding to community concerns about responsible dog breeding by introducing new laws to regulate the sale and supply of dogs and puppies.

The Queensland Dog Breeder Register allows people to identify breeders and trace dogs and puppies back to their breeder.

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

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

Who is a breeder?

A breeder is any person who has, or is responsible for, any female dog that has a litter—it doesn't matter how many dogs are owned or the breed of the dog. A person must have a supply number to advertise, sell or give their dogs or puppies to another person.



What is a supply number?

A supply number can be **any one** of the following:

- breeder identification number—available online when a person registers as a breeder
- breeder's membership number—provided by a breeder organisation that accredits dog breeders and is approved by the Minister as an 'approved entity'
- breeder permit number—provided by a local government issuing permits/registrations to dog breeders and approved by the Minister as an 'approved entity'
- a unique number that identifies a person as a recognised interstate breeder—provided within their state
- breeder exemption number—only available if
 - you are a primary producer who has a working dog that you did not breed and wish to supply the dog for purposes other than as a working dog
 - you are a person who is the owner of, or responsible for, the dog and you did not breed the dog and you do not conduct a business activity that includes the supply of dogs.

What will it cost to register?

There is no fee to register as a breeder.

What about microchipping?

There will be no extra cost for microchipping, as mandatory microchipping already applies to dogs from 12 weeks of age, or when supplied (if earlier).

The supply number identifying the origin of the dog will be included in the dog's information on the microchip. This allows lifetime traceability of the dog to the breeder.

Certain dogs, such as genuine working dogs, are exempt from microchipping.

Is there a penalty if I sell my puppies and I'm not registered?

Yes. It's an offence if you fail to register as a breeder and you give away, sell or advertise puppies born on or after 26 May 2017.



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