



Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Breeder registration for pounds and shelters

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.

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

The laws require all persons giving away, supplying, selling or advertising dogs or puppies in Queensland to have a unique identifying number (a supply number) that identifies the breeder or origin of that dog.

Pounds or shelters should always check for a supply number in the microchip information of every dog they rehome. If the dog has a supply number in its microchip information, that is the supply number to be used whenever the dog is given away, sold, supplied or advertised.

Pounds and shelters that rehome dogs must also register online and obtain a Breeder Identification Number to be used as their supply number. This supply number must be used for dogs that they give away, sell, supply or advertise, that DO NOT already have a supply number in their microchip information.

Some local governments partner with the RSPCA or other shelter organisations to rehome dogs. In this case a negotiated business arrangement would determine which organisation provides the supply number for the dogs that do not already have a supply number in their microchip information.

What is defined as a pound or shelter?

A *pound* is a place managed by local government for the purpose of impounding animals.

A *shelter* is a place that provides shelter to, or finds homes for, stray, abandoned or unwanted dogs. For example, this may apply to animal welfare organisations and some veterinary practices.

Does a pound or shelter have to register as a breeder for dogs that are collected roaming and not claimed?

Pounds and shelters will need to register as a breeder and use their supply number if/when they supply dogs that do not already have a supply number in their microchip information.



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If a local government provides dogs to a shelter for rehoming, does the local government need a supply number?

Local governments do not need a supply number when providing a dog to a shelter to be rehomed. The shelter will use its own supply number when rehoming the dog.

However if the shelter does not have a supply number, the local government can provide their supply number for each dog they provide to the shelter.

Whilst dogs are in pounds and shelters, local governments and shelters should always check for a supply number in the microchip information of the dog. .

What type of supply number should a pound or shelter use?

A Breeder Identification Number (BIN) which is obtained by registering on the Queensland Dog Breeder Register. The BIN is the supply number and can be used for all dogs they rehome that do not already have a supply number in their microchip information.

If a dog comes into the pound without a supply number, who is in breach?

If the dog was born on or after 26 May 2017, the breeder is in breach of the laws. The breeder breaches the law if they do not register within 28 days of the dog being born and supplying a dog without providing a supply number and including the supply number in the dog's mandatory microchip information.

Does a person breach the law if they find a dog on the street or in their yard and they want to give it to a pound or shelter?

No. A person does not breach the law if they find a dog and supplies that dog to a pound or shelter to be rehomed.

When a dog is released from a pound or shelter to a person claiming to be its owner or to the person responsible for the dog, is the pound or shelter deemed to be a 'supplier' for the purpose of this legislation?

No. Returning an impounded dog to a person claiming to be its owner or responsible person would not be considered as supplying the dog to that person, and is not covered by the new laws.



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Will microchip registers make supply number and breeder identification visible when the dog's microchip is checked?

Yes. It is mandatory to include the supply number (for dogs born on or after 26 May 2017) in the dog's microchip information.

Can a council make it a requirement for a person registering a new dog to provide a supply number as part of their dog's registration information?

Yes. The additional information required by councils for normal registration of a dog is at the discretion of the relevant local government.

Will pounds and shelters be able to recover costs for surrendered dogs and puppies?

Yes. The new provisions will not affect how local governments or shelters recover costs for services provided.

Will pounds and shelters need to renew their supply number every 12 months?

Yes. The registration period is for 12 months.

Will this apply to older dogs born before 26 May 2017?

No. The new laws only apply to dogs born on or after 26 May 2017. The law cannot be applied retrospectively. However, there is no reason why a supply number cannot be provided for older dogs.

More information

For further information please visit the Queensland Dog Breeder Register at qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au or call **13 25 23**.