



Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Selling or giving away dogs 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 within 28 days of a litter being born, 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 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.

What is a supply number?

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

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—available to eligible people who qualify for breeder exemption.

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

Q&As

Can I give away, sell or advertise my dog or puppies if I'm not registered?

No. You must register as a breeder and include your supply number when you give away, sell or advertise a dog to another person.

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

Yes, but you must have a supply number that identifies the origin of the dog.

If you sell a dog or puppy through a pet shop or retailer, they must use your supply number identifying you as the breeder.

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

Will pet shops sell my puppies if I'm not registered?

It is illegal for a pet shop to give away, sell or advertise puppies without a supply number identifying you as the breeder.

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

Yes. There are offences for failing to register as a breeder if you have a female dog with a litter and give away, sell or advertise the puppies.

I am a primary producer breeding working dogs. Am I considered a breeder?

Yes, you are considered a breeder. However, you do not need to register as a breeder if you are supplying working dogs to be kept on rural land for droving, protecting, tending or working stock. If any puppies or dogs are to be supplied for any other purpose, you must register as a breeder.

What if I have a dog I did not breed and I want to give it to another person?

Before you give your dog away, you must create an account online and apply for a breeder exemption number.

I'm a registered breeder in another state. Do I have to register in Queensland?

Only if the transaction occurs in Queensland. If the transaction occurs in another state and the dog is transported to Queensland afterwards, the Queensland legislation does not apply.

If the transaction takes place in Queensland and you are registered as a dog breeder under another state/territory's laws (and you have a unique identification number), you do not need to register in Queensland—but you must use that identification number as your supply number in Queensland.

I'm a member of a dog breeder association in another state. Can I use my membership number as a supply number in Queensland?

You can only use your membership number as a supply number in Queensland if your breeder association is recognised under that state's/territory's law.

I don't live in Queensland and I breed dogs outside of Queensland for supply within Queensland. Do I need to register?

Yes. All dogs supplied within Queensland must have a supply number if given away, sold or advertised, and the supply number must be included in their mandatory microchip information.

If I buy a dog from overseas, does it need a supply number?

No. If the transaction occurs outside Queensland's borders, a supply number is not required when bringing the dog into Queensland. However, a breeder exemption number must be applied for before the dog is advertised, sold or given to another person in Queensland.

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.daf.qld.gov.au.

