



Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Breeding working 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.

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 to have a Supply Number that identifies the registered Breeder of that dog, unless they have an exemption.

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The Supply Number can be *any one* of the following:

- A Breeder Identification Number (BIN) - available online when registering as a Breeder
- A Breeder's membership number provided by a Breeder organisation that accredits dog Breeders, and is approved by the Minister as an "approved entity"
- A 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 and is provided within their state
- A Breeder Exemption Number (BEN) – available to certain eligible persons who qualify for a breeder exemption.

You must not give away, supply, sell or advertise a dog without a Supply Number that identifies the Breeder or provides an exemption.

Do working dog breeders need to register?

Primary producers on rural land who breed dogs exclusively for other primary producers to be kept on rural land for use as working dogs, do not need to register as a Breeder and do not require a Supply Number.

However, if any of the dogs or puppies are supplied for any purpose other than to *other primary producers to be kept on rural land for use as a working dog*, (i.e. not to be used as 'working dogs') then each of those non-working dogs or puppies must be microchipped and have a Breeder Exemption Number (BEN), which can be applied for online.

The primary producer must use the BEN as the Supply Number for the non-working dog or puppy given away, supplied, sold or advertised.

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What is a working dog?

There is a very precise definition of “working dog” under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*. 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
- primarily for the purpose of:
 - droving, protecting, tending or working stock or
 - being trained in droving, protecting, tending or working stock.

Are pig-dogs considered to be a ‘working dog’?

No. Under the law, the definition of a working dog is limited to working dogs kept on rural land for droving, protecting, tending or working stock. It does not include managing feral animals.

Can a primary producer give away, supply sell or advertise a dog or puppy if not registered as a Breeder?

If you are a primary producer breeding working dogs and supply puppies to *another primary producer to be kept on rural land and used as working dogs*, you are not required to provide a Supply Number of any kind.

However, if as a primary producer you supply puppies in any other circumstances, for example, as pets, you do need to apply for a Breeder Exemption Number (BEN) for *each individual* dog you give away, supply, sell or advertise. The Supply Number (in this case a BEN) must then be provided to the new owner.

Alternatively, if as a primary producer, you regularly give away, supply, sell or advertise your dogs for purposes other than as working dogs, you can apply for a Breeder Identification Number (BIN) as your Supply Number. You need to use that BIN each time you supply a non-working dog as a pet.

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

Yes. If you sell a dog or puppy through a pet shop or retailer they must use the Supply Number identifying you as the Breeder (or the BEN if it applies).

It is a breach of the law to give-away, supply, sell or advertise a dog or puppy born on or after 26 May, 2017 without a Supply Number that identifies the origin of the dog.

If someone else gives away, supplies, sells or advertises your dog, that person must use the Supply Number identifying you as the Breeder (or the BEN if it applies).

More information

For further information please call 13 25 23.