



Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Registering as a dog breeder 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.

In Queensland, if you breed a dog on or after **26 May 2017** you must be registered as a breeder.

This means that, unless you're a primary producer breeding working dogs to be kept on rural land for use as working dogs, you must register—even if your dog has an unplanned litter or you only breed puppies for family and friends.

When you register, you'll receive a unique identification number—your supply number—that can be used to trace every dog you breed back to you.

Most dog breeders do the right thing, but these laws help ensure irresponsible breeders can be identified and action can be taken to ensure the welfare of the dogs.

Anyone buying a dog in Queensland will be encouraged to only buy a dog that has a breeder supply number and to report unregistered breeders.

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



What is a supply number?

Your supply number must be included in the dog's microchip information. It will identify all dogs and puppies that you breed and provides lifetime traceability of a dog's origin.

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

- breeder identification number—available online when you register 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.

You must not give away, sell or advertise a dog or puppy without a supply number that identifies you as the breeder or provides an exemption.

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

You must:

- display your supply number on every advertisement
- include your supply number in the dog's microchip information
- provide your supply number to the dog's new owner.



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Q&As

Who must register as a dog breeder?

You are a breeder if you have 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.

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.

If you are a primary producer on rural land who breeds dogs for other primary producers to be kept on rural land for use as working dogs, you do not need to register as a breeder and do not require a supply number. However, primary producers must register as a breeder if they supply any dogs for purposes other than as working dogs.

People under the age of 18 cannot register as a breeder.

Can I get a breeder exemption?

You may be eligible for a breeder exemption if you are a primary producer who has a working dog that you **did not breed** and wish to give away, sell or advertise the dog to a person who:

- is not a primary producer
or
- is not going to keep the dog as a working dog.

You may also be eligible for a breeder exemption if:

- you are the owner of, or responsible person for, a dog and
- you **did not breed** the dog and
- you do not conduct a business activity that includes the supply of dogs.

If you qualify for a breeder exemption, you must create an online account and apply for a breeder exemption number—a different number is required for **each individual dog or puppy** that is given away, sold or advertised under these circumstances.

How do I register?

You can register for free online at qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au. You can also call **13 25 23** to register over the phone or request a hard copy application form. Registration is a quick and simple process.

What happens after I register?

When you are registered as a dog breeder, you will be issued with a unique identifying number—your supply number.

Your supply number must be included in the microchip details for each dog you breed and displayed when a dog is given away, sold or advertised.

Your registration is valid for 12 months and you will need to renew your registration annually if you want to continue breeding dogs.

If your registration details change, you must update them online or by phone within seven days of the changes coming into effect.

More information

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

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