



Queensland Dog Breeder Register

Buying or getting a dog 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.

You are a Breeder if you have a female dog with a litter. Any person who is a Breeder must have a Supply Number.

The laws apply to people who are professional breeders, occasional breeders and to people who are not making money from the dogs or puppies supplied. The laws apply to occasional, accidental or planned litters.

If the puppies are bred by a primary producer to be kept by a primary producer as working dogs, then a Supply Number is not required.

The Supply Number is included in the dog's microchip information. It will identify all dogs or puppies from that Breeder and provides lifetime traceability back to the origin of the dog.

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

The Supply Number must be displayed whenever a dog or puppy is advertised for give-away, supply or sale.

All suppliers, including pet shops, must display the Supply Number when selling, advertising or otherwise supplying dogs and puppies.

What is a Supply Number?

A Supply Number is attached to every dog or puppy supplied by a particular Breeder for the life of the dog.

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

- A Breeder Identification Number (BIN)
- A Breeder's membership number provided by an approved Breeder organisation that accredits dog Breeders, and is approved by the Minister
- A Breeder permit number provided by a local government issuing permits/registrations to dog Breeders and approved by the Minister
- A unique number that identifies a person as a recognised interstate Breeder and provided by their State Government



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- A Breeder Exemption Number (BEN) – applicable only if:

you are a primary producer breeding working dogs who wishes to give away, supply, advertise or sell the dog to a person who:

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

OR

you are a person who:

- is the owner of, or responsible person 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 can I do to help?

You can help ensure that dogs and puppies are sold responsibly by only accepting dogs that have a valid Supply Number.

You can also help by reporting a concern on the Queensland Dog Breeder Register if you become aware of a person advertising or selling a dog without a valid Supply Number. The register will automatically refer your concerns to the relevant agency for action.

What must I do when I purchase or obtain a dog?

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries encourages people to only buy or receive dogs and puppies that have a Supply Number identifying the Breeder.

The Supply Number and Queensland Dog Breeder Register allow the origin of dogs and puppies to be traced.

People wanting a dog will be able to check that the Breeder is registered and may contact them directly regarding the dog.

When you get a dog or puppy:

- Look for a Supply Number displayed in the advertisement or where the dog or puppy is being offered for sale
- Check the online register to confirm the Supply Number is valid and identifies the Breeder
- Contact the Breeder if you have questions about where the dog or puppy has originated
- make sure you receive the microchip transfer-of-ownership papers with the dog or puppy at the time of purchase and that these papers include a valid Supply Number

If you suspect a Supply Number is invalid, or you have other concerns about the supply of a dog, please report it by registering your concern for further investigation.

More information

For further information please call 13 25 23.