



NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
of the Canine Association of Western Australia Inc
will be held on **MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2025**
at **7.30pm**

1. APOLOGIES

2. BUSINESS OF MEETING

The President resolved that a Special General Meeting be called to hear a motion tabled at the Annual General Meeting on 27 August 2025 regarding Regulation A85.5.

2.1 **Moved:** A Rushby

THAT the President of Dogs West convene a Special General Meeting to discuss and decide on the following items:

- a. That puppies aged between 8 weeks and under 3 calendar months be permitted to use the Dogs West grounds for restricted training purposes.

If item (a) is agreed, then:

- b. That the use of the grounds be limited to organised classes only, conducted under strict biosecurity conditions - including use of enclosed rooms, agreed cleaning protocols, and no free access to the grassed areas.
- c. That organisations offered the opportunity to conduct these restricted classes must either be affiliated with Dogs West or, if not affiliated, their values must demonstrably reflect those of Dogs West.

Rationale

Although the Governing Council are charged with the full management of the Association, with the proposal of such a radical change to the accepted norm for puppies on the ground, it may have been advisable to canvass for the opinion of the members prior to amending the regulation.

I request the Special General Meeting in an endeavour to strengthen Dogs West's commitment to member inclusion by consultation on innovative, far-reaching proposals. It would enable the Governing Council to consider the opinions of the members on this particular matter to balance innovation with caution in safeguarding our animals, the grounds, and values.

Clause (b) seeks to address a longstanding gap in training access for young puppies during their critical developmental window. By permitting puppies aged 8 weeks to under 3 calendar months to attend organised classes on Dogs West grounds-under strict biosecurity protocols-we support early socialisation, responsible ownership, and improved welfare outcomes.



The discussion clause (c.) prioritises Dogs West-affiliated clubs and/or members as the first to be offered the opportunity to conduct these restricted classes. This ensures that member-led organisations, which are already aligned with our standards, benefit directly from expanded access to participants. Should external organisations be considered, they must demonstrate values that reflect those of Dogs West-ensuring consistency in ethos, quality, and accountability.

Note:

This meeting is called as per the Constitution at 22.4.and 25.7.1.