

Breeder Education -Prefix Examination

NOTE: If a Prefix is to be in multiple names **ALL** parties must complete and submit a separate exam paper. Attach all exam papers to the one Prefix Application form.

Name			
Address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Email			
Membership number		Date Joined	
Breed			
Registration # of your Main Register Bitch			
For Interstate transfer – Current registered prefix			Required to submit section A only
Signature			
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Date received		Date Marked	
Section A Mark			If less than 100% - fail
Section B Mark			If less than 90% - fail
Feedback for candidate			

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The answers to most of the questions in the following Open Book Exam can be found in (Links to the most current versions can be found on the DogsWest website on the Prefix and Breeders Application Forms page):

- ANKC Ltd Guidelines For Breeders;
- ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6, The Register & Registration;
- CAWA Regulations Section H, 'Code Of Ethics';
- CAWA Regulations Section R, 'The Register and Registration; Or
- by speaking to an experienced breeder.



Please ensure that you carefully read the Guidelines and Regulations in their entirety and understand fully what you have read.

The overall pass mark for this exam is 90%. Section A requires a pass mark of 100%.

Please note sections 1.1 to 1.3 of the following DOGSWEST Regulation:

R01 PREFIX

- 1.1. Only financial members of an ANKC Ltd Member Body may hold a prefix.
- 1.2. After **twelve (12) months** of membership of an ANKC Ltd member body, upon payment of the applicable fee, a member who owns a main registered bitch may apply for the registration or transfer of a prefix.
 - 1.2.1. Application must be accompanied by a completed Open Book Examination based on the current ANKC Guidelines for Breeders and relevant regulations. This does not apply when a member already holds a current prefix.
 - 1.2.2. The applicant must obtain a pass mark in the prefix exam before any prefix is allocated.
 - 1.2.3. Where the applicant has been a member for twelve (12) months with an ANKC Ltd member body and already holds a prefix, they must obtain a pass mark in the Breeders Education Prefix Exam – Part A only – before the prefix is transferred from the other member body. **(08/18)**
 - 1.2.4. Only one prefix may be applied for and maintained by a membership.
- 1.3. A junior member can only hold a prefix in conjunction with an ordinary member. When a junior moves to ordinary membership they must pass the prefix exam before the prefix can be renewed.

Further Guidelines for sitting this exam

1. Plan ahead. It might take some time for you to pass the exam and it may also take some time for your prefix to be approved once you have achieved a pass in the exam.
2. Ensure that the version of the exam you are using is the most current and has been accessed directly from the DogsWest website.
3. All relevant Rules and Regulations should be accessed via the links given for the Breeders Education Prefix Exam on the DogsWest site or directly from the ANKC website, to ensure that you are using the most current versions.
4. Prior to submitting your exam paper, check that all questions are completed IN FULL and that you have completed and signed the front page of the exam paper.
5. It is recommended that you attend one of the information evenings prior to attempting the exam.
6. It is advisable that you keep a copy of your completed exam paper prior to submitting it.

There is a recommended reading list on the following page which will provide you with additional information to assist in your breeding programme.



Further Recommended Reading

Canine Reproduction and Whelping: A Dog Breeder's Guide Paperback – January 1, 2006 by Myra Savant-Harris

Puppy Intensive Care: A Breeder's Guide to Care of Newborn Puppies Paperback – December 5, 2005 by Myra Savant-Harris

Canine Reproduction: The Breeder's Guide 2nd Edition by Phyllis A. Holst

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Section A – This section requires a 100% pass mark

Breeding Code of Ethics

1.

a) What is the primary purpose for breeding registered purebred dogs? (1mark)

i.

b) What is **NOT** the primary purpose for breeding registered purebred dogs? (1 mark)

i.

2. What is the **minimum** age that a bitch must have attained before she is mated for the first time? (1 mark)

i.

3. How many litters is a bitch permitted to have in any 18 month period? (1 mark)

i.

4. How many litters is a bitch ordinarily permitted to have in her life-time? (1 mark)

i.

5. Who is responsible for verifying the number of litters that a bitch has already had in total? (1 mark)

i.



6. If a bitch has reached the ordinarily accepted maximum number of litters, a breeder may apply to DogsWest to breed another litter from her under extenuating circumstances. What must be included in that application? (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

7. When must the permission for the final litter be obtained? (1mark)

i.	
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8. For how long is that permission valid? (1 mark)

i.	
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9. Are there any circumstances that would permit a member to breed yet another litter from that bitch after permission had been granted for the extra litter? (1 mark)

YES	NO	
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10. A member shall not mate a bitch over what age? (1 mark)

i.	
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11. Under extenuating circumstances a breeder may apply to DogsWest for permission to mate a bitch over the **maximum** age. What must be included with such an application? (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

12. When must permission for this litter be obtained? (1 mark)

i.	
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13. For how long is that permission valid? (1 mark)

i.	
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14. Is it ordinarily acceptable for a member to mate their registered dog to an unregistered or cross-bred dog, to a non-ANKC registered dog of the same breed or to a dog of a different breed? (1 mark)

YES	NO	
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15. What is the minimum age that a puppy can:

- a) Leave the breeder's care within Australia? (1 mark)

i.	
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- b) Be exported to another country? (2 marks)

i.	
ii.	

16. Before a dog or puppy leaves a breeder's care, what must the breeder ensure has been done to that dog or puppy. (2 Marks)

i.	
ii.	



17. What must a breeder ensure about any person who acquires one of their dogs/puppies? (5 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	

18. Once a dog/puppy leaves their care, what are the expectations upon a breeder in regard to the new owners? (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

19. What percentage of puppies in a litter must be registered? (1 mark)

i.	
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20. Briefly state the written details that a breeder needs to provide to a person who obtains a puppy or dog from that breeder. (6 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	
vi.	



21. What clear statement must appear on a receipt for a puppy/dog leaving your care?
(1 mark)

i.	
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22. Which 3 diseases must the breeder of a litter vaccinate puppies against prior to sale?
(3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

23. If a breeder places a dog/puppy with a known health issue or disability what must that breeder obtain from the recipient? (1 mark)

i.	
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24. When advertising puppies in any media what must a DogsWest registered breeder include as part of the advertisement? (2 marks)

i.	
ii.	



25. As a DogsWest registered breeder, when selling or rehoming puppies or dogs, what avenues of sale, advertising or disposal are NOT permitted to be used? (5 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	

26. According to the Dogswest code of ethics when selling, rehoming or otherwise disposing of a dog or puppy, whose responsibility is it to ensure that the microchip details are transferred to the new owner? (1 mark)

i.	
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The Register and Registration

27. Before a breeder can register a litter, what important requirements must be fulfilled by the owner of the **SIRE** of the litter? (2 marks)

i.	
ii.	

28. Must ALL litters bred by a DogsWest member be registered? (1 mark)

YES	NO
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29. Can a breeder register some pups from a litter at one time and then others from the same litter later on? (1 mark)

YES	NO
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30. What is the permitted time frame for registration of a litter without incurring a late registration fee? (1 mark)

i.	
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31. No litter will be accepted for registration after what age? (1 mark)

i.	
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32. When applying to register a litter how is the date of birth of the whole litter determined? (1 mark)

i.	
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33. Including the breeder's prefix what is the maximum number of letters and spaces that can be used for a puppy's registered name? (1 mark)

i.	
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34. Using the Dogswest regulations for Naming dogs, mark the following statements as either True or False. (2 marks)

		True or False	
i.	Breeders registered prefix must be included as the first part of the dogs name		
ii.	The dogs name does not have to be unique for that breeder		

35. When registering a puppy what cannot be used as part of its name? (6 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	
vi.	

36. Puppies are registered on either Main or Limited Register.

a) Main register is available to dogs which fulfil which criteria? (1 mark)

i.	
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b) Limited register is available to dogs where the breeder has determined which conditions apply? (5 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	



37. A dog or puppy may be transferred from Main register to Limited or from Limited to Main, subject to certain conditions and procedures.

a) In regard to a transfer from Limited to Main who must sign the written application?(2 marks)

i.	
ii.	

b) In regard to a transfer from Main to Limited, who must sign the written application? (1 mark)

i.	
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38. How many times can a dog be transferred from Main Register to Limited Register ? ? (1 mark)

i.	
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39. If the ownership of a dog is to be transferred to another person, within how many days after the sale must the transfer application be lodged with DogsWest ? (1 mark)

i.	
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40. Who is responsible for the full completion of the transfer form? (1 mark)

i.	
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41. If a bitch is mated to two different dogs at the same oestrus, what documentation must the breeder provide to DogsWest in order to register the pups from her litter? (4 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	

42. When must this documentation be provided? (1 mark)

i.	
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43. What written records are required to be kept by a registered breeder? (8 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	
vi.	
vii.	
viii.	

44. Name the three combinations that are considered to be first generation matings. (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	



45. In accordance with the relevant regulation protocol, what is the **minimum required** information that needs to be included in an application for approval of a First Degree mating.? (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

46. When must the application for approval of a first generation mating be submitted? (1 mark)

i.	
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47. Complete the litter registration form [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#) using either your own dogs' names or fictitious names as an example. This question is worth **20 marks** and the form must be completed in full, including the requirements outlined on Part 2 of the application form. (If you do not have the required information please indicate how you would comply)

The current fees are available in the Canine News or on the Dogs West website.

End of Section A



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Applicants Name _____

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Section A

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Question 18	/3	Question 38	/1		
Question 19	/1	Question 39	/1		
Question 20	/6	Question 40	/1		
Marks obtained			/120 (if less than 120 marks automatic fail)		
Percentage			%		
Required pass mark			100%		

Marked by _____

Date Marked / /



Section B

Hereditary Diseases

48. The ANKC Code of Practice for Hereditary Diseases has three main thrusts. What are they? (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

49. State briefly why a breeder should be concerned about hereditary diseases (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	



50. What steps should a member take to ensure that they will not be the breeder of puppies affected by inherited diseases? (5 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	

51. Should a breeder inform prospective puppy purchasers about hereditary problems in their breed? (1 mark)

YES	NO
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52. Should a breeder mate a dog and a bitch with the same genetic faults? (1 mark)

YES	NO
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The Brood Bitch

53. Before a bitch is mated what important aspects of her health must be attended to?
(3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	

54. What is the gestation period (length of pregnancy) in dogs? (1 mark)

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55. Which of the following major features must be present in a bitch that you are going to breed from? (Select all applicable) (4 marks)

A well-adjusted temperament	
Hereditary disease tested	
In good health	
Of good quality in accordance with the breed standard	

56. What proportion of the pups' genetic material is derived from their mother?
(1 mark)

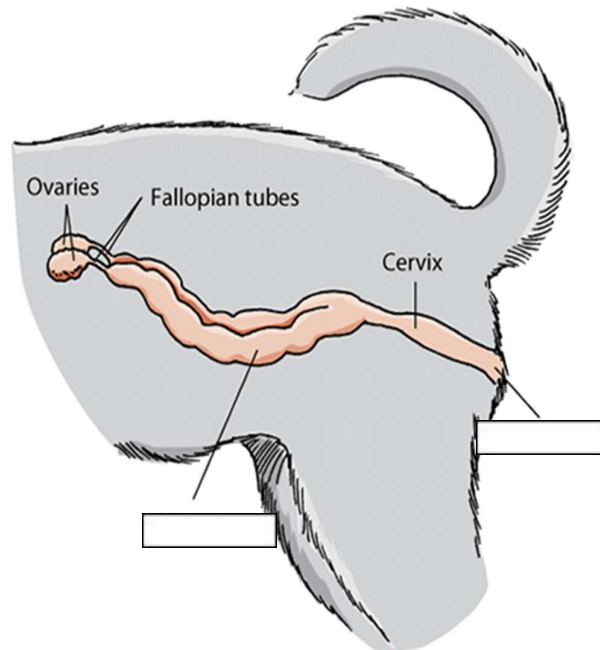
50%	
75%	
All	
None	



57. Why does the brood bitch have more overall influence on her puppies than the sire?
(4 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	

58. Complete the two missing labels on the drawing of Female dog anatomy below
(2 marks)

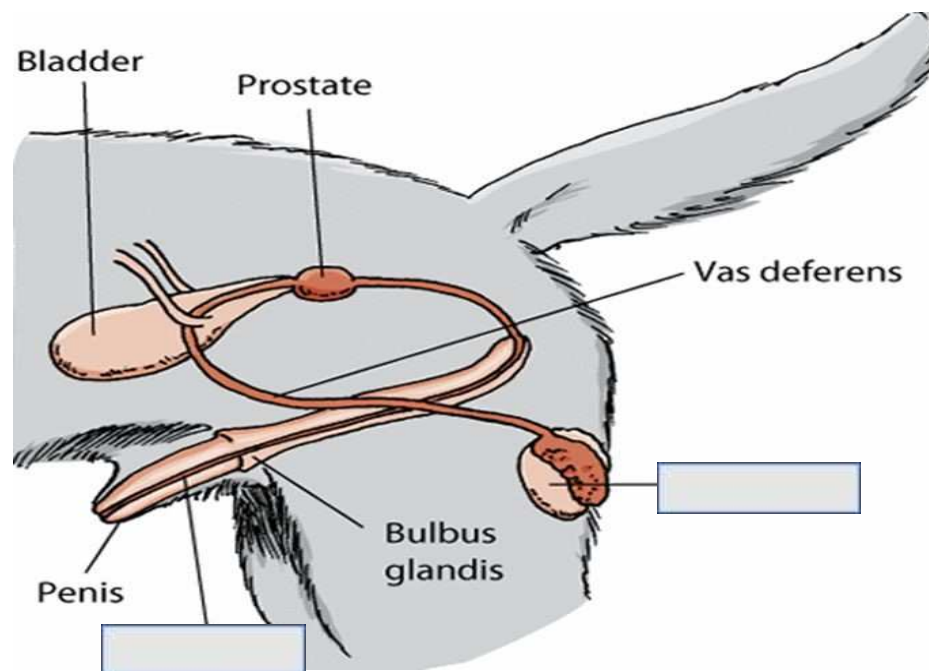


The Stud Dog

59. Which of the following major features must be present in a dog that you are going to use at stud? (Select all applicable) (4 marks)

A well-adjusted temperament	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hereditary disease tested	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Of good quality in accordance with the breed standard	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have two normal, fully descended testicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	

60. Complete the two missing labels on the drawing of Male dog anatomy below (2 marks)



Conception, Pregnancy & Whelping

61. What indicates your bitch is in season? (Select all applicable) (2 marks)

Swelling of the vulva .	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The bitch is licking her vulva more than normal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
There is a blood tinged discharge from the vulva.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

62. Should you keep your bitch fit during pregnancy? (1 mark)

YES	NO	
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63. Should you breed an obese or unfit bitch? (1 mark)

YES	NO	
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64. Should you breed a dog or bitch with an aggressive temperament? (1 mark)

YES	NO	
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65. A maiden bitch is best mated to an inexperienced dog. (1 mark)

YES	NO	
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66. What is the average lapse of time between a bitch first coming into season and mating? (1 mark)

i.	
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67. Describe nine important points of a well-designed whelping box (draw if preferred and add nine labels) (9 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	
vi.	
vii.	
viii.	
ix.	

68. There are three stages of labour. Name 5 signs of the first stage that might be observed. (5 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	
v.	



69. During which stage are puppies born (1 mark)

i.	
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70. When a puppy is born with the sac intact what must you quickly make sure is done? (1 mark)

i.	
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71. When newborn puppies suckle what hormone is released by the mother in response? (1 mark)

i.	
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72. What two important processes does this hormone stimulate at the time? (2 marks)

i.	
ii.	

73. How long (in hours) should you allow your bitch to labour over the birth of a puppy before calling the Vet:

a) For the first puppy? (1 mark)

i.	
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b) For subsequent puppies? (1 mark)

i.	
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74. Should bitches be allowed to eat placentas? (1 mark)

i.	
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75. What is the name given to the specialised type of milk that is produced in the first 24 hours after whelping (1 mark)

i.	
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76. This special type of milk is vital to the survival of newborn pups. What important substance does it contain? (1 mark)

i.	
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77. The absorption of this important substance provides what to the pups? (1 mark)

i.	
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78. While feeding her puppies a bitch will require large amounts of good quality, balanced food. Give three reasons for this. (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	



Weaning, Selection and Sale of Puppies

79. At what age do puppies teeth begin to erupt? (1 mark)

i.	
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80. At what age should weaning commence? (1 mark)

i.	
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81. At what age should worming of the puppies first take place? (2 mark)

i.	
ii.	

82. How frequently should puppies be wormed in the first 8 weeks of life? (1 mark)

i.	
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83. When should you start socializing your puppies? (1 mark)

i.	
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84. What are some of the things you can do to socialize puppies before they leave home? (3 marks)

i.	
ii.	
iii.	



85. What is the current The World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA) recommended protocol for vaccinating puppies? (1 mark) Refer to www.wsava.org

a. Vaccinations with the three core canine vaccines (CDV, CPV-2 and CAV-2) should not begin earlier than 6 weeks of age and if the puppies are to remain with the breeder until they are 8–10 weeks or older, it is normally recommended that vaccination begin at 8–9 weeks rather than 6 weeks. Revaccination should be 2– 4 weeks later with a final vaccination given when the pups are 16 weeks of age or older.		
b. Vaccinations with the three core canine vaccines (CDV, CPV-2 and CAV-2) should been given at 6 weeks no further vaccinations are required.		
c. Vaccinations with the three core canine vaccines (CDV, CPV-2 and CAV-2) should not begin before 16 weeks of age.		

86. You have bred a submissive puppy. What is the best type of home to place this puppy? (1 mark)

A family with boisterous children		
A quiet retired couple		
A single person that works full time		

End of Section B



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Section A		/ 120 (If less than 120 marks automatic fail)			
Section B					
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Question 64	/1	Question 84	/3		
Question 65	/1	Question 85	/1		
Question 66	/1	Question 86	/1		
Question 67	/9				
Section B Total			/80		
Section B percentage			%		
Overall Total			/200		
Overall percentage			%		
Overall result			PASS / FAIL		

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Date Marked / /

