

## Litter Registration Accuracy & DNA Testing Requirements

Dogs West has recently identified an increase in litter registration applications where incorrect dam details have been submitted. In some cases, breeders have later requested changes to the recorded parentage after the initial application has been lodged.

Members are reminded that it is essential to ensure all breeding records and litter registration applications are accurate at the time of submission. Once a litter has been lodged, any amendments to parentage details may trigger compliance requirements under ANKC Regulations.

### Relevant Regulations

#### R20 DNA Testing of Dogs

20.1 Where the Administrative Officer, Governing Council, Appeals Board or Protests and Disputes Tribunal forms the view that the identification or parentage of a litter or progeny is disputed or uncertain they may direct that DNA testing be carried out.

#### 6.12 DNA Parentage by DNA Test Results

6.12.1 Where a registered breeder submits a litter application to a Member Body and subsequently, for whatever reason, makes a request to alter the pedigree of the progeny being registered, for example, to change the sire or dam from that submitted on the original application, then that registered breeder shall be required to obtain DNA Parentage Test Results which clearly identifies the correct sire and dam of each puppy in the litter in question, prior to registration.

All requested DNA test results must be provided.

All costs are to be borne by the breeder of the litter. (Amended 10/17, 6.1 – effective 01/01/18)

### Important Reminder to Breeders

Accurate record keeping is a fundamental responsibility of all breeders.

Submitting incorrect parentage information, even where unintentional, can result in significant delays, additional costs, and the requirement for DNA testing to verify the correct pedigree.

Breeders are strongly encouraged to carefully check all mating records and application details prior to submission to ensure they are correct and complete.