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## **PRESS RELEASE – SURVEY RESULTS**

### **BULLMASTIFF**

#### **AGE OF STUD DOG REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF BULLMASTIFF PUPPIES ON MAIN OR LIMITED REGISTER**

A survey was conducted by Dogs Australia last year to ascertain the feedback from all owners of registered Bullmastiffs in relation to the age of stud dog requirements for registration of Bullmastiff puppies on main or limited register.

The response received indicated support.

As this was an amendment to current regulations, the result of the survey was referred to the Dogs Australia Board of Directors for consideration at their February 2026 Special Board meeting where it was endorsed.

Consequently, the following new clauses will be added to Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration which will be effective from 1 July 2026:

8.14.4 A Bullmastiff male may NOT be used at stud before the age of 12 months is reached. Puppies born where the stud dog was not 12 months of age at the date of mating shall be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged “NOT TO BE UPGRADED”

8.14.5 Semen can be collected over 9 months of age but cannot be used until the dog is over 12 months of age and had the relevant health testing requirements for that breed. Puppies born where the stud dog was not 12 months of age at the date of mating shall be registered on the Limited Register only and flagged “NOT TO BE UPGRADED”

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