

MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

In the spirit of friendship, working toward a common goal, and strengthening our relationship in ways that will bring meaningful benefits to our communities, this Mutual Cooperation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between **The American Kennel Club, Inc. (“AKC”)**, a not-for-profit organization headquartered at 101 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10178, USA, and **Dogs Australia (“ANKC”)**, a not-for-profit organization headquartered at Howrah, Tasmania, 7018 Australia, collectively referred to as the “Parties,” and individually as a “Party.”

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework for mutual cooperation and collaboration between the AKC and the ANKC in order to further the shared objectives of promoting canine exhibition, registration, education, responsible dog breeding, and the advancement of purebred dogs both in the United States and Australia.

2. Areas of Cooperation

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas, among others:

2.1 Sports and Events

- Evaluate opportunities to collaborate and strengthen shared values by hosting events for the benefit of our communities.
- Encourage the exchange and education of judges, exhibitors, and officials for dog competitions.
- Support participation in each other’s national and international events.

2.2 Registration and Pedigree Exchange

- Facilitate mutual recognition of dog registrations and certified pedigrees, subject to each Party’s policies and verification procedures.
- Promote transparency and data accuracy in the registration process.

2.3 Education and Outreach

- Share educational resources and breeder development materials.
- Collaborate on best practices in dog health, responsible breeding, and canine welfare.

2.4 Canine Health and Welfare

- Collaborate on programs and research to promote canine health and well-being to align on facts.
- Share findings, resources, and recommendations from health initiatives and genetic studies.

2.5 Advocacy and Promotion

- Coordinate efforts to promote the value of purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership.
- Advocate for dogs as family companions through the development and promotion of canine good citizen training programs.

3. Intellectual Property. The Parties agree to perform their respective responsibilities under this Agreement in a manner that does not constitute an infringement of any intellectual property rights or other proprietary rights of each other, or of any third party. Any and all rights in and to any intellectual property owned by one Party prior to execution of this Agreement shall remain with that Party even when such intellectual property is shared between parties.

4. This document is a preliminary statement of intent and does not constitute a binding agreement. No legal obligations or rights shall be created or arise between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof unless and until a final, formal written agreement, executed by both Parties, is in place. Any actions taken by either Party in reliance on this non-binding understanding shall be at that Party's sole risk.

5. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by written notification of either Party.

6. The Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers duly authorized.

The American Kennel Club

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