

**SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &
BOARD MEETING HELD IN SYDNEY ON 15th OCTOBER 2022**

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Kennel Council Limited held in Sydney:

1. Election of ANKC Ltd Executive

- Ms Pam Campbell was elected unopposed as Vice President for a one-year term from 15 October 2022.
- Mr David Sales was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one-year term from 15 October 2022.
- Mrs Ulla Greenwood was elected as a member of the Executive Committee for a one-year term from 15 October 2022.

At the October 2022 Dogs Australia Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

1. Ramp Use Policy

Earlier this year Dogs Australia requested feedback from members as to the suitability of a proposed ramp breed listing as a proposed definitive list of breeds which may or may not be ramped or tabled.

The Board has made no final decision at this time in relation a Ramp Use Policy and has referred the matter to the National Breed Standards Coordination Group to review the submissions received from members and the Board will consider the matter again next year.

2. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows: New Clause 2.3.7

It was agreed for the following Infectious Diseases or Viruses regulation endorsed at the February 2022 Special Board meeting to be added to Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows as Clause 2.3.7 and will be effective from 1 January 2023.

Infectious Diseases or Viruses

- a) If a dog has been in a kennel or premises affected with distemper, canine hepatitis, parvovirus or any other virulent contagious disease (except Kennel Cough), it shall not be permitted to attend any State Member Body event or grounds for a period of 12 weeks from the date of the first diagnosis or onset of symptoms.
- b) If a dog has been in a kennel or premises affected with or diagnosed with Canine Cough (also referred to as Kennel Cough or Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex) it shall not be permitted to attend any State Member Body event or grounds for a period of three weeks after the date of the first diagnosis or onset of symptoms.
- c) An event organiser or affiliate official may ask for a dog to be immediately removed from any State Member Body event or grounds if that dog is visibly unwell or showing symptoms of the contagious diseases listed in (a) or (b). This shall be recorded in the Representative's report.

3. Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows: Amendment to Section 4.1

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Section 1 – Definitions and Classes Regulation 1.1.7 that

Currently reads:

1.1.7 Definitions and Classes

Proprietary Interest – means having some legal or equitable interest in an animal on an on-going basis or the breeder of the exhibit. For the purposes of these Regulations the definition does not include using a Judge's stud dog or boarding a dog at a Judge's boarding kennel.

Be deleted.

AND for Section 4.1 Proprietary Interest to be amended as follows.

Section 4.1 ~~Proprietary~~ **Ownership** Interest as follows:

- 4.1.2 A person may not ~~enter~~, exhibit or handle under a judge officiating at a conformation show where:
- a. The person is a member of the judge's family and/or resides at the same address as the judge.
 - b. The judge has or has had any ~~proprietary~~ **ownership** interest in a dog or dogs solely or in partnership with the member within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
 - c. Where the judge has handled any dog owned, leased or part leased by the person within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
 - d. ~~The person has handled any dog owned or part owned or leased, or part leased by the judge in a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.~~ The person has accommodated the judge or been accommodated by the judge within a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show or intends to accommodate the judge within 24 hours after the conformation show.
 - e. The judge has trained or groomed for reward, for gift or favour a dog owned, or part owned, leased or part leased by the person in a period of 12 months prior to the conformation show.
 - f. The dog was bred by the judge or the judge's family.
 - g. ***For the purposes of these Regulations the definition "handled" does not include any circumstance where a person has assisted another exhibitor who, due to a judging decision on the day, was required to compete with two or more exhibits at the same time***
 - h. ~~Either the exhibitor or the judge has used a stud dog belonging to the other within the last 6 months.~~

This amendment will be effective from 1 January 2023.

4. * Regulations Part 9 – Regulations for Non-Resident Judges

At the February 2022 Special Board meeting the submission received from Dogs West was endorsed pursuant to a review of the compilation of the 70% requirement for group status and clarification to ensure all late applications are considered by the Overseas Judges Approval Board.

It was resolved that the submission providing a revision of the 70% requirement of breeds for Group approval was endorsed.

These amended regulations will be effective from 1 January 2023.

- * **New or Amended regulations, policy statements, procedures, publications and listings will be made available from the ANKC Ltd website.**

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