



Australian National Kennel Council Ltd ABN 77 151 544 679 trading as Dogs Australia

Code of Practice for Hereditary Diseases

SECTION 1 - COMPLIANCE

This Code of Practice has been developed to conform to the Dogs Australia Code of Ethics by which all members of each controlling body are bound and represents the commitment of all members to breed only for the purpose of improving the quality of the breed. This Code of Practice for hereditary diseases shall apply in addition to any code of ethics which is in force in each state.

SECTION 2 - PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- (1) Members will take responsible action to reduce the incidence of hereditary diseases in their breeds.
- (2) Where there is a control program, approved by Dogs Australia, covering a breed for disease(s) known or considered to be inherited, then breeders within the breed should participate in and comply with the requirements of the program.
- (3) Where an hereditary disease is recognised by Dogs Australia in consultation with the official breed club(s) to be a designated problem in a breed, and where there is a screening procedure or test for that disease approved by Dogs Australia:-
 - (a) The owner of a stud dog should, before making the dog available for stud duty -
 - (i) have a current official evaluation or test result for the dog for such hereditary disease:
 - (ii) provide the official evaluation or test result to the owners of the bitch to be mated.
 - (b) The owner of a bitch should, before mating her to a dog -
 - (i) have a current official evaluation or test result for the bitch for such hereditary disease:
 - (ii) provide the official evaluation or test result to the owner of the stud dog
- (4) Dogs Australia recognises that before approving a screening procedure or test for an hereditary disease that procedure should be:-
 - (a) scientifically validated
 - (b) reliable
 - (c) readily available
 - (d) cost effective
- (5) Before any puppy or adult animal is sold, the prospective owners should be advised that the seller has taken all reasonable steps to comply with the Code of Practice.