



4 March 2016

Mrs Val Moody
Secretary
German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia)
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Dear Val,

GSD Litter Registration Limitation (LRL)

We refer to previous correspondence regarding the request from the German Shepherd Dog Council (Australia) for an ANKC Ltd survey to be conducted of owners of registered German Shepherd Dogs to amend the current LRL relative to screening for hip and elbow dysplasia for the breed.

As you are aware the ANKC Ltd Board approved the request and the survey was circulated in December 2015 with the close off date for receipt of completed survey forms by 1 March 2016.

The response received has indicated overwhelming support for the LRL to be amended to:

Litter Registration Limitations are to be amended as follows and will apply for litters born from 1st January 2017:-

- 1.1 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the 30th June 2015, they must record a score of no more than eight (8) on either hip, with no more than three (3) in any one area, or in the case of imported animals, a grading that is deemed to be acceptable for breeding in their country of origin.
- 1.2 Both parents of every litter must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Control Scheme. Where the parents have been born after the 30th June 2015, they must record a grading of Normal, Near Normal or Grade One on both elbows, and must be free from the condition of UAP (Ununited Anconeal Process).

Breeders of litters whelped on or after 1st January, 2017, will be required to comply with the requirements as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the ANKC Ltd Main Register. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip, and/or tattoo prior to being x-rayed. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will only be able to be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded.

We confirm a Press Release has been circulated to our Member Body offices and our Board today confirming the results and both the Press Release and the updated ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 Clause 8.10 are now available from our website.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Barry
Administrator

Copy to: Dr Karen Hedberg, NCHWC Chairperson

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