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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BREEDERS REGISTRATION

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION. Breeders are advised to register whole litters at one time because not only is it far cheaper, but it alleviates the need to submit individual applications. At the present time the cost of registering a litter is the same as for a single pup. <\$35.00 under 18months; \$45.00 over 18months>

MAIN SECTION W K C NATIONAL STUD REGISTER. Eligibility is restricted to dogs carrying individual tattoo identification. The facilities are open to all pure bred, genuine working strain Kelpies, the progeny of already registered parents (see step 4 below), bred by a financial member of the W.K.C., provided of course that the breeder complies with the W.K.C. Stud Register Rules and Regulations.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION TO NATIONAL STUD REGISTER

A Breeder, who by definition is the owner of the dam at the time of whelping, wishing to have his stock registered to the main section of the :-

WKC National Stud Register needs: -

- a) to be a **financial WKC member when registration is required.**
- b) to hold a recorded canine prefix (ref. section "Prefix"), and
- c) to hold registered tattoo symbols (ref. section on "Prefix" and Tattoo symbols). and
- d) to have his own or have access to tattooing equipment. and
- e) ear or flank tattoo each pup individually as set down under WKC Rules (ref Tattoo Identification).
- f) be prepared to complete in every detail the W.K.C. application for registration form or forms.
- g) forward the relevant fees.

WKC Appendix Stud Register needs

- a) to be a **financial WKC member when registration is required.**
- b) to hold a recorded canine prefix (ref. section "Prefix"), and
- c) complete in every detail the W.K.C. application for registration form or forms.
- d) forward the relevant fees.

WKC "S" Register

- a) to be a **financial WKC member when registration is required.**
- b) complete in every detail the W.K.C. application for registration form or forms.
- c) forward the relevant fees.

PROCEDURE: The Breeder should:-

1. Make application for the recording of a prefix direct with the W.K.C. (Ref. Prefix information); OR make application for their prefix, held with another canine association, to be recorded. If this prefix is already in use by a W.K.C breeder the application may, in special circumstances, be approved subject to the addition of a 'State' letter to make possible its use. e.g "Topdog(Q)".
2. Make application to the W.K.C. for the recording of two (2) or three (3) letters for use as registered tattoo symbol - choice of three (3) pairs should be made. No fees payable.
3. Order Tattoo equipment, have access to, or arrange for temporary loan/hire of equipment from the W.K.C.
4. Complete in every detail an application for registration form for each unregistered dog to be used in the Stud. **Note:** The breeders declaration must be completed, or some acceptable proof of breeding submitted e.g. copy of pedigree, registration certificate etc. If the parents of the dog are not already registered, or if uncertain as to whether they are registered or not complete an additional application form for each parent, placing particular emphasis on colour, at least the dog's year of birth and extending the background breeding details as far as known. Leave out the breeder's declarations but complete the owner's declaration. The unregistered parents and/or ancestors must be recorded for which fees are payable <maximum total cost \$35.00 >.

NOTE: If the parents of the dog, about which registration is sought, were not bred by a financial W.K.C. member; were bred by a person who does not hold a WKC prefix or are not already registered they will be, if found suitable, recorded to the "S" Register with a reference preceding its name such as S/bred.

Dogs entered under S/Bred are recorded to facilitate research into breeding background and make possible their use in breeding programs only. Such entry does not generally qualify their entry for W.K.C. trophies at Sheepdog Trials etc.

W.K.C. NATIONAL APPENDIX STUD REGISTER.

Appendix Register These facilities are designed to cater for and encourage the recording of dogs of merit which for one reason or another do not qualify for registration to the Main Section of the Stud Book register. Subject to Rules and Regulations Station bred strains of merit and appearance can be registered and with progressive recording, of each generation thereafter, the strain can eventually qualify for full status recognition. **The W.K.C. strongly recommends the registration of station bred strains of proven working ability.**

PROCEDURE: The Breeder should: -

1. Record his prefix with the W.K.C. (See Step 1, Main Section Registration).
2. Complete in every detail an application for registration form for each dog he wishes to register. (as for Step 4, Main Section Registration)

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Grading within the Appendix: Will be determined following assessment of the application by the Committee or designated officer, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations. Stud Book Certificates showing the grade given to females, and covering the recording of males, will be issued. No certificates are issued for reference entries within the Appendix.

APPENDIX RECORDED MALES:

Except with the approval of the W.K.C. the progeny of appendix registered males shall be held to a grading equivalent to that of the sire or dam, whichever is the lower. Elevation of progeny of Appendix registered females is attained by the use of Main Section registered sires (or in special cases the use of approved Appendix recorded males). The elevation in each generation is progressive with the progeny of A3 Appendix females, by approved sires, becoming eligible for Main Section registration, subject to tattoo requirements.

TATTOO IDENTIFICATION: - Is not a compulsory requirement for Appendix registration, but progression beyond Grade 4 Appendix is not possible without individual tattoo identification.

CANINE PREFIXES

The purpose behind the use of a prefix is to distinguish dogs bred by one breeder from those bred by another. The prefix is placed before the dog's common name and becomes part of its complete name. The complete name should always be quoted by the owner when describing the dog officially on pedigree forms, entry forms, etc.

1. The holding of a prefix with one association does not necessarily entitle the holder to its use with any other organisation unless the prefix has been recorded with such body. Nor does the holding of a prefix with one organisation give the holder exclusive right to its use unless the right can be established under common law.
2. Under prevailing Australian conditions duplication of prefix takes place because of lack of complete co-operation between Canine registering bodies of which there is a significant number. The only action available to a breeder who becomes aware of duplication of his prefix, is to seek legal advice. Where 'common law' rights can be established by a breeder he may be able to restrain another breeder from using his prefix.

W.K.C REQUIREMENTS: The recording of a prefix is the first necessary step to be taken by intending breeders who wish to support the Working Kelpie Council's National Stud Register and Appendix. Either of the following actions may be taken. The Breeder may make: -

1. An application for the recording by the W.K.C. of a prefix held with another Canine association or associations. If not already in use and suitable the prefix will be recorded. In the case of duplication, the addition of an identifying State letter may be permitted. for example, "Sydney(V)" to distinguish it from "Sydney" being used in NSW.

2. An application for recording of a prefix direct with the W.K.C. Until further notice the fees are: - W.K.C. (financial) members - \$40.00; No renewal fees are applicable. Retention of prefix is automatic with use; however, if five (5) years elapse without use of the prefix in the W.K.C. Register, it will be necessary for the holder to apply for a retention of the prefix for which no fee is applicable. Additionally, a lapsed prefix will not be re-recorded to another individual without due notice appearing for three consecutive months in the W K C News Bulletin giving the name of the original holder.