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WKC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUD REGISTER

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1 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Words and expressions used in the Regulations shall have the meaning attributed to them in the Definition Clause of these By-Laws.
- 1.2 Where the context reasonably permits: -
 - 1.2.1 dog includes bitch;
 - 1.2.2 masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter genders;
 - 1.2.3 the singular number includes the plural number.
- 1.3 "Purebred" means: - a Fourth Generation animal of approved and recorded breeding.
- 1.4 "WKC" means the Working Kelpie Council of Australia Incorporated.
- 1.5 "Stud Register" means the WKC National Stud Register and/or WKC National Appendix Register.
- 1.6 "National Stud Book" means the published copy of the WKC National Stud Register of purebred working Kelpies.
- 1.7 "National Appendix Stud Book" means the published copy of the WKC National Appendix Register.
- 1.8 "Appendix Register" shall cater for dogs of accredited working ability and type, which do not conform to the conditions required for the official National Stud Register.
- 1.9 "Special Register" shall provide special facilities for the recording, conduct and control of special experimental matings between Kelpies and other varieties of working stock dogs.
- 1.10 "Breed" means the Australian Kelpie of accredited working strain.
- 1.11 "Breeder" in relation to a dog is the owner of its dam at the time of its birth provided that for this purpose, a person shall be deemed to be the owner of the dam (to the exclusion of the registered owner) if at the time of birth:-
 - 1.11.1 The dam is in the possession or control of such person and has been lent or leased to such person for breeding purposes, AND
 - 1.11.2 If notice of the loan or lease verified by submission of a Transfer Form by the registered owner of the dam has been lodged with the WKC prior to the date of the birth, AND
 - 1.11.3 If such further information as may be required has been furnished prior to the date of the birth, AND
 - 1.11.4 The appropriate fee has been paid by such person to the WKC prior to the date of birth.
- 1.12 "Imported" in relation to a dog means a dog that has been born outside the territorial limit of the Commonwealth of Australia and outside the territorial limit of the Dominion of New Zealand and which has been imported into Australia or into New Zealand
- 1.13 "Reference entry" in relation to a dog's inclusion in the Stud Register means that its breeding is acknowledged and the details included to facilitate tracing of its progeny. Its entry in the Stud Book is system prefixed with "Ref:", "S/Bred", "Show" or "H" and an official Stud Book Certificate may be issued. However it is not necessarily deemed to be a "registered" <cl.1.14> dog for the purpose of competition, etc.
- 1.14 "Systems Prefix" is a clarifying addition to the dogs' name: -
 - 1.14.1 "REF" in front of a prefix acknowledges a dog:
 - 1.14.1.1 bred under a prefix previously recorded by the WKC but not bred by a WKC financial member at the time of its birth and therefore not bred under the rules and regulations of the WKC (amended 16/8/2009)
 - 1.14.1.2 The systems prefix Ref: is only applicable to dogs bred by persons who through lack of renewal in the preceding 3 years are no longer WKC members. (New cl 16/8/2009)
 - 1.14.1.3 The registration of dogs allotted REF: system prefixes are restricted to the Special Register (21/8/2008)
 - 1.14.1.4 The progeny of REF: recorded dogs mated to fully registered dogs are restricted to Appendix Registration and are ineligible for A4 grade

- 1.14.2 "S/BRED" in front of the dogs name acknowledges a dog:
 - 1.14.2.1 bred by a breeder who to the best of the WKC's knowledge does not hold or no longer holds a registered prefix and one which has not been bred in accordance with the WKC Stud Register rules and regulations.
 - 1.14.2.2 The registration of dogs allotted S/Bred system prefixes are restricted to the Special Register (21/2/2008)
 - 1.14.2.3 The progeny of S/Bred recorded dogs mated to fully registered dogs are restricted to the Appendix Register and are not eligible for A4grade (21/2/2008)
- 1.14.3 "SHOW" in front of a prefix is applied to dogs bred by a breeder holding a prefix with, and/or under Rules and Regulations of a Canine control not specifically dedicated to the pastoral industry.
 - 1.14.3.1 The registration of dogs and the progeny of dogs carrying the Show system prefix which were not registered prior to 01/10/95 are no longer eligible for Appendix registration and in accordance with cl 11.2 <adopted 1st October 1995> are restricted to recording in the WKC Special Register.
- 1.14.4 "H" or "HIST" in front of a prefix or name is applied to:-
 - 1.14.4.1 previously recorded or unrecorded dogs bred prior to the formation of the WKC
 - 1.14.4.2 to differentiate between past unrecorded and present day prefixes of the same name,
 - 1.14.4.3 and/or prefixes which have fallen into disuse.
- 1.15 "Recorded" in relation to a dog means that it has been recorded in the WKC Special Register.
- 1.16 "Registered" in relation to a dog means that it is registered with the WKC and/or any other Society approved by the WKC
- 1.17 "Registration" signifies registration in the National Stud Register or National Appendix Register.
- 1.18 "Registered Owner" in relation to a dog denotes the person registered with the WKC as the owner of such dog.
- 1.19 "Registered Number" in relation to a dog means the number allocated to it when accepted for registration with the WKC
- 1.20 "Owner" in relation to a dog, where the context reasonably permits, both the legal owner and the beneficial owner of the dog and the owner of any interest therein.
 - 1.20.1 A person registered in the Stud Register as the owner of a dog shall be deemed to be registered with the WKC as the legal owner of such dog.
 - 1.20.2 A dog registered in the Stud Register shall be deemed to be registered with the WKC
- 1.21 "Name" in relation to a dog means the prefix, the registered number, the tattoo, and the words or letters assigned to a dog upon registration with the WKC
- 1.22 "Prefix" means the WKC recorded word granted for use under these rules and regulations by financial WKC Member /Breeders (16/8/2009)
- 1.23 "Tattoo" means the breeder's recorded symbol, numerals and year code letter.
- 1.24 "Verifying Brand" means the Working Kelpie Council's distinctive Symbol "WKC" and official brand.
- 1.25 "Records" means the records of the WKC
- 1.26 "Litter Recorded" in relation to a dog means that it is one of a litter recorded pursuant to the Regulations.
- 1.27 "A Service Certificate" denotes a certificate: -
 - 1.27.1 certifying the date of the service of a registered dam by a registered sire;
 - 1.27.2 specifying the registered names of such sire and dam;
 - 1.27.3 signed by the registered owner of the dam, and
 - 1.27.4 countersigned by the registered owner of the sire.
- 1.28 "Date of Birth" in relation to a dog means the actual day of birth provided that where such actual day is not known the date of birth shall be deemed to be that first day of the month in which such day birth was known to occur or if such month be not known then the date of birth shall be the first day of the month next preceding the commencement of the period within which such day of birth was known to occur.
- 1.29 "Natural ability" means inherited ability to work stock, as distinct from trained, controlled or directed ability. In testing dogs for such ability, the Inspector may request the owner and/or handler to remain silent and motionless for the duration or part of the duration of the test.

2 NAME

- 2.1 Every dog upon registration in the Stud Register shall be assigned a name which shall include: -
 - 2.1.1 its breeder's registered prefix (e.g. "Blanks ..") and a word or words (given names e.g. Floss etc) not exceeding 28 letters in aggregate including spaces. (e.g. "Blanks Floss"...)

- 2.1.2 a registered number (e.g. "Blanks Floss 999999..") AND in respect to registration in the National Stud Register
- 2.1.3 a tattoo symbol, number and year code letter; (e.g. "Blanks Floss 999999 QQ15A") AND in the case of a dog not bred by a financial WKC member
- 2.1.4 a system prefix shall become the first part of the dog's name (e.g. "Ref: or S/bred or Show Blanks Floss" AND in the case of a dog not conceived and born in Australia
- 2.1.5 bracketed words and/or letters prescribed to denote the country of its birth.
- 2.2 In the case of an imported dog, the name of the dog shall include in brackets the abbreviation "imp." In the case of a dog which has been imported the name of the country in which such dog was conceived or the letters commonly accepted as indicating such country shall also be included within such brackets. Illustration:- "(imp. U.K.)" "(imp. N.Z.)" "(imp. U.S.A.)
- 2.3 No dog shall be registered in the Stud Register with the same name as that of another dog already registered or with a name so similar to that of the name of another registered dog of the same breed as, in the opinion of the Council, to be likely to mislead.
- 2.4 No name or part of a name shall be registered if, in the opinion of the Council, it is likely to mislead either with regard to sex, relationship, origin, or otherwise.
- 2.5 The use of Roman numerals shall be permitted and become part of the dog's name and must be quoted at all times. e.g. "Blanks Floss II" "Blanks Floss IV". Use of written numbers is not permitted. e.g. "Blanks Floss 2nd", "Blanks Floss second" etc.
- 2.6 A registered dog shall not be described or referred to in any publication other than by its registered name as defined by Clause 2.1 sub clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 and Clause 2.2 where applicable.
- 2.7 A dog registered in the Appendix must be so described at all times.
- 2.8 A dog recorded under the prefix "Ref:", "S/bred", "Show" or "H"/"Hist" must be so described at all times.
- 2.9 No person shall be entitled to register a dog unless he be the breeder of such dog or unless he be the registered transferee and owner of such dog.

3 PREFIXES

- 3.1 Every breeder shall record a prefix with the Council at a fee to be determined from time to time by the Board. The recording of a prefix is subject to the applicant's acceptance of the following conditions:
 - 3.1.1 Prefix renewal is effected by annual WKC membership renewal.(16/8/2009)
 - 3.1.2 The breeder agrees not to apply the prefix to the progeny of non WKC registered dogs and understands that violation of this requirement may result in the prefix being DE-ACTIVATED or DE-REGISTERED.
 - 3.1.3 Prefixes that have been recorded and not renewed by membership or prefixes which have not been used for a period of 10 years may be DE-ACTIVATED or DE-REGISTERED
- 3.2 A prefix already recorded by the applicant with another recognised canine body shall be recorded by this Council provided:-
 - 3.2.1 It is not already in use by another WKC breeder OR
 - 3.2.2 If already in use it can be distinguished, from the other, by the addition of a distinguishing letter, to define the state or country, within brackets, and this addition becomes part of the whole name, e.g. PREFIX(Q).
- 3.3 A prefix not known by the applicant to be recorded with another canine body shall be recorded by the Council at a fee to be determined from time to time by the Board.
- 3.4 A prefix shall consist of one word or words run together not exceeding fifteen (15) letters.
- 3.5 A prefix recorded for use by a breeder resident outside Australia and New Zealand shall include, within brackets, letters to identify the country of origin. e.g. TEXAS(US).
- 3.6 No prefix shall be registered or used in connection with a dog bred in Australia or elsewhere other than the prefix of the breeder of that dog.
- 3.7 Every dog bred in Australia shall be registered with the registered prefix of its breeder and with no other prefix, if possible, and the prefix shall be part of the name of the dog.
- 3.8 No prefix shall be accepted for registration if it shall so resemble any other prefix as, in the opinion of the Council, to tend to be misleading or if for any other reason it shall be considered by the Council to be unsuitable or objectionable.
- 3.9 A registered prefix shall not be transferable except with the consent of the person under whose name such prefix is registered and with the consent of the WKC A systems prefix as defined by clause 1.14 sub clauses 1.14.1 to 1.14.4 shall be applied in specific cases or in cases which do not otherwise comply,

4 TATTOO BRANDS

Tattoo branding is a compulsory part of eligibility for the National Stud Register registration <adopted 31/7/70> Note Tattoo identification is not a compulsory part of eligibility for Appendix registration. 4.1 Every breeder requiring registration of stock to the National Stud Register shall make application for the recording of two (2) or three (3) letters for his exclusive use as a tattoo brand or symbols - No fee applicable.

4.2 Tattoo identification shall comprise the Breeder's recorded symbols, consisting of two or three letters, a series number <unique to each dogs born in a particular year> and a year code letter, to be placed on the **dog's right ear**, or on **the inner side of the dog's right flank** or as the Council may direct and shall be affixed as outlined in the WKC "Tattooing Requirements and Procedure". The letters "I" and "O" will not be permitted as last letters of a breeders symbols. The "letter of year" code will be placed immediately after the numerals on all dogs, e.g. "GJB99B".

4.3 Dogs bred by another breeder and owned by a person with registered tattoo symbol, may for the purpose of identification be tattooed with the owner's symbol on another part of the body as determined by the Council, and a number allocated if necessary.

4.4 The Stud Prefix and the Tattoo Brand shall be exclusive to the breeder and be subject to approval by the Council. Transfer to, or adoption by another breeder of such Stud Prefix and/or Tattoo Brand shall be subject to approval by the Council.

4.5 A member shall not tattoo ineligible dogs with his tattoo brand, e.g. a dog not bred by himself, or a dog of another breed, without written permission.

4.6 Tattoo symbols which have been inactive for ten or more years may be re-allocated at the discretion of the Board.

5 VERIFYING BRAND

5.1 The symbol "WKC" shall be the Council's distinctive tattoo mark. Such symbol shall be known as "the verifying brand".

5.2 The Council may prescribe by regulation or otherwise the manner and/or occasion upon which the verifying brand may be used and by whom such verifying brand may be used.

5.3 Except as the Council may otherwise from time to time determine:-

5.3.1 Any inspector appointed by the Council may apply the verifying brand to any dog registered in the Stud Book or entered in the Appendix Register if, upon inspection, it be found that here is no readily discernible tattoo imprint, or if any tattoo mark upon the animal is indistinct or is incorrect.

5.3.2 Other than as aforesaid, the verifying brand shall not be applied by any person to any dog except pursuant to a specific direction in writing from the Council under the hand of the Public Officer or Registrar.

5.3.3 No person shall use any tattoo mark which is either a facsimile of the verifying brand or is a colourable imitation thereof, or which is likely to mislead any person into the belief that such tattoo mark is the verifying brand.

5.3.4 No owner or other person shall permit any animal to be tattooed with the verifying brand or other similar tattoo mark except pursuant to the regulations.

5.3.5 The object of the verifying brand is that it may serve as a means of identifying the dog to which it is applied and to provide evidence that any tattooing of the animal which might otherwise constitute a breach of the regulations has been affixed by the regulations or with the authority of the Council.

5.3.6 Every owner of any dog registered in the National Stud Book or entered in the National Appendix Register shall be deemed to have authorised any such inspector to apply the verifying brand in accordance with the regulations and every owner of every such dog shall if and when requested to do so by any such inspector make such animal available to the inspector for inspection, and if thought fit by the inspector, for the application of the verifying brand.

5.3.7 The Registration in the National Stud Book Register and/or the entry in the National Appendix Register of any dog may be cancelled and the dog deregistered if such dog shall bear the verifying brand and if such verifying brand shall not have been applied pursuant to the regulations.

6 PROGENY RECORDING

6.1 A member who sells, leases or gives to another person a female Kelpie reputed to be in whelp, shall be held responsible for the registration of the sire used and for the signature of the owner of the sire.

6.2 A Declaration recording litter details shall be a compulsory part of every application, and shall show the total number of living males and females, with allotted tattoo numbers if applicable.

7 DOUBLE MATING

- 7.1 Progeny of a double mating will be automatically registered as foundation appendix with both sires noted on the dog's record.

8 REGISTRATION

- 8.1 The Council may, subject to the Rules and Regulations, register any dog in one or other of the Registers. Except with the approval of the Council, no dog shall be accepted for the Stud Register unless its Sire and Dam are already registered or recorded with the WKC, or with any other register approved by the WKC
- 8.2 Before making application for the registration of a dog, a breeder shall have recorded with the Council
 - 8.2.1 A Stud Prefix as outlined above;
 - 8.2.2 A Tattoo Brand as outlined above if registration to the National Stud Register is to be requested.
- 8.3 No dog shall be registered in the National Stud Register or National Appendix Register except by direction of the Council.
- 8.4 Registration of a dog shall be effected only upon the application made by its owner or breeder in the appropriate form prescribed by the Council and upon such information being furnished by the applicant as the Council may from time to time require.
- 8.5 Where an application for registration of a dog is made by a person who is not the breeder of the dog, the application shall be accompanied by a transfer or successive transfers from the breeder evidencing the complete change of title of ownership from the breeder to the applicant, or is otherwise directed by the Council.
- 8.6 An application for registration of a dog in the Stud Register shall not be bound to provide a Service Certificate if the Stud Breeder is the owner of the Sire or has already recorded it with the WKC on a separate form.
- 8.7 Only dogs of proven natural ability or the progeny of dogs of proven natural ability are eligible for registration. No dog shall be eligible for registration in the National Stud Register unless its pedigree shows three grandparents carrying approved working bloodlines, that is, a proportion of three-quarters.
- 8.8 Dogs with bloodlines which have not received official WKC approval, or dogs not tattoo identified will not be eligible for higher than third grade Appendix.
- 8.9 The Council reserves the right to inspect any dog for working type and ability if deemed necessary.
- 8.10 Any dog may be regraded if deemed necessary. In the case of a downgrade, a female must be mated to a sire approved by the WKC, if her progeny are to remain eligible for future elevation. Such elevation would be subject to Council approval.
- 8.11 The prime qualification shall be approved standard of natural working ability and the Council reserves the right to refuse, reject, deregister or regrade without assigning any reason therefore.
- 8.12 The Council may refuse any application for registration without assigning any reason therefore.

9 REGISTERED NUMBER

- 9.1 A number shall be allocated to each dog registered with the WKC and this number shall be a part of the dog's name, to be used in all official transactions.

10 NATIONAL STUD REGISTER

- 10.1 Registration in the National Stud Register is restricted to purebred <CI 1.2- under definitions> Kelpie dogs bred by financial members of the WKC at the time of registration and comply with the National Stud Register regulations.

11 APPENDIX REGISTER

- 11.1 The Appendix shall cater for all dogs of proven natural ability and acceptable appearance not eligible for any reason for the National Stud Register.
- 11.2 The grading in the Appendix shall be dictated by the shortest known and recorded line in the dog's pedigree or upon the following qualification:-
 - 11.2.1 Appendix A4 - All grandparents carry approved and recorded bloodlines which are held to the appendix register through lack of individual tattoo identification provided the dog was bred by a financial member of the WKC at the time of registration.
 - 11.2.2 Appendix A3 - Two grandparents carrying approved and recorded working bloodlines, that is a proportion of one-half.
 - 11.2.3 Appendix A2 - One grandparents carrying approved and recorded working bloodlines, that

is a proportion of one-quarter.

11.2.4 Appendix A1 - A dog of acceptable appearance which does not carry any bloodlines approved by the Working Kelpie Council.

11.2.5 Foundation Appendix - dog of merit other than the above.

11.3 The WKC reserves the right to hold the progeny of any dog to any grade without giving a reason.

11.4 The WKC reserves the right to allot a higher or lower grade should this be deemed desirable.

11.5 Kelpie dogs of unknown parents will be deemed as foundation entries and must be available for inspection if required. The WKC may call for photographs if deemed necessary.

11.6 Upgrading of the next generation can only be achieved if:

11.6.1 The breeder holds a registered prefix and tattoo brand if elevation to the National Stud Register is being sought.

11.6.2 Both parents of the dog or bitch have been registered in the WKC National Stud Register or National Appendix Register.

11.6.3 The sire is registered to the National Stud Register or is purebred held to the National Appendix Register through lack of tattoo identification.

11.6.4 Elevation to registration in the National Stud Register cannot be achieved if either parent carries a Ref., S/bred or Show systems prefix.

11.6.5 The shortest line in the dog's pedigree will dictate the grading of progeny.

11.7 Males shall be recorded prefixed by the letters "AM" in addition to an appropriate grading. Except with the approval of the WKC, the progeny of such males shall be held to a grading equivalent to the recorded breeding of their sire or dam, whichever is the lower.

11.8 Dogs registered in the WKC Appendix Register shall be recorded with appropriate grading, e.g. "F" - Foundation; "A1, A2, A3 A4". The grading shall appear on their registration certificates as part of the dog's registration number.

11.9 The following are special conditions or acceptable variations for the initial registration:-

11.9.1 All specified details on the front of the registration form must be completed with the possible exception of the registered numbers of the parents, but such dogs are restricted to no higher than second-generation Appendix, unless details of colour, age, breeder and owner, and an extended pedigree of each unregistered parent can be given. Initial registration and ancestor registration fees apply.

11.10 As much as is known of the pedigree must be noted on the same form. All dogs named therein must carry a prefix, but where the breeder of a dog named did not hold a registered prefix, the breeder's surname must be used in lieu thereof, and a systems prefix added.(clauses 1.12; 1.13.1 - 1.13.4 & 3.9)

11.10.1 The shortest line in the dog's pedigree will dictate its grading in the Appendix Register and the dog shall not be eligible for full status until it represents four generations of recorded breeding approved by the WKC

11.11 All conditions applicable to the National Stud Register apply to the Appendix, unless otherwise stated

12 SPECIAL REGISTER

12.1 The Special register shall provide recording facilities for the progeny of dogs not eligible for registration in either the National Stud Register or Appendix Register.

12.2 Interbreeding between different varieties working strain dogs shall be classed as experimental and progeny allotted a foundation grade.

12.3 Upgrading shall be subject to the following requirements:

12.3.1 The breeder holds a registered prefix and tattoo brand if elevation to the National Stud Register is being sought.

12.3.2 Both parents of the dog or bitch have been registered in one or other of the WKC National Stud Register.

12.3.3 The sire is registered to the National Stud Register or is purebred held to the National Appendix Register through lack of tattoo identification.

12.3.4 Elevation to registration in the Appendix Stud Register cannot be achieved if either parent carries a Ref., S/bred or Show systems prefix.

12.3.5 The shortest line in the dog's pedigree will dictate the grading of progeny.

12.4 Details of experimental breeding programs shall be recorded in a separate register until the strain meets the criteria for working Kelpie type; natural ability and pure breeding.

12.5 A certificate printed on coloured paper entitled "Certificate of Recording" will be issued to acknowledge the recording of dogs to the Special register. The Special Register records will not be published.

12.6 As from 1/10/95 Show strain Kelpies will be deemed a separate variety. <By-law adopted

1/10/95>

- 12.7 Interbreeding between show strain and working strain Kelpies shall be classed as experimental and progeny allotted a foundation grade.<By-law adopted 1/10/95>
- 12.8 Upgrading shall be subject to requirements set down under clauses 13.3 .1 - 4 inclusive. <By-law adopted 1/10/95>
- 12.9 Details of experimental breeding programs between the two kelpie varieties shall be recorded in a Special register until the resulting strain meets the criteria for working Kelpie type; natural ability and pure breeding. < By-law adopted 1/10/95>
- 12.10 A certificate printed on coloured paper entitled "Registration Certificate" will be issued to acknowledge the recording of dogs to the Special register. < By-law adopted 1/10/95>
- 12.11 The Special Register records will not be published. <By-law adopted 1/10/95>
- 12.12 The progeny of experimental matings will be deemed as foundation entries and must be available for inspection if required. The WKC may call for photographs if deemed necessary. <By-law adopted 1/10/95>

13 APPLICATION FORMS

- 13.1 Every application whether for registration in the National Stud Register, National Appendix Register, or WKC Special Register or for de-registration of a dog, or for transfer, or for registration of a prefix shall be made on the appropriate form from time to time prescribed for the purpose by the WKC
- 13.2 All information required in the prescribed form shall be set out in the application and the applicant shall furnish such additional information as the WKC may require.

14 POWER OF THE WKC TO EFFECT ANY CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION OR VARIATION OF REGISTRATION OR RECORDS

- 14.1 The Council may either cancel, suspend or vary the registration of any dog or may cancel, suspend or vary any person's prefix at any time for any reason which the Council in its absolute discretion may consider sufficient and without assigning any reason therefore and no member or owner shall have any claim against the WKC by reason of any such cancellation, suspension, or variation, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Council may vary the registration without altering the registration number, the prefix or any part of the name of the dog or the description of the dog or any particulars recorded in relation to the dog.
- 14.2 During the period of suspension of registration of a dog, the dog shall be deemed to be not registered.
- 14.3 Cancellation of or variation in the registration of a dog shall not necessarily affect the registration already effected of any progeny of which such dog became the sire or dam during the period of registration of such dog.
- 14.4 Upon the cancellation of or variation in the registration of a dog, the Council may cancel the registration of any descendant of such dog or may allow the registration of the descendant to remain and/or the Council may make such correction in the description (including its name or registration number or any recorded particular) of any such descendant or such variation in its registration as the Council may consider proper.

15 RE-REGISTRATION

- 15.1 The cancellation of the registration of a dog shall not necessarily disqualify such dog for re-registration; subject to the approval of the Council being first obtained.
- 15.2 No dog shall be re-registered except in the name in which it was registered immediately prior to cancellation of registration.

16 TRANSFERS

- 16.1 Upon any sale, exchange, gift, lease, loan or mortgage or other disposition of a dog or of any interest in a dog registered in one or other of the National Stud Registers there shall be lodged by the registered owner with the WKC within sixty (60) days of such disposition either:-
 - 16.1.1 An application for transfer in the prescribed form signed by the owner as transferor, or -
 - 16.1.2 An application for the cancellation of the dog's registration.
- 16.2 The application for transfer of a registered dog shall be accompanied by the certificate of its registration.
- 16.3 A transfer will not be deemed to be complete unless and until signed by the transferor.
- 16.4 The WKC may accept or may without assigning any reason therefore refuse to record any transfer:
- 16.5 Upon the approval of a transfer by the WKC and subject to the payment of all fees the transfer shall be recorded in the Stud Register.

17 LEASE OR LOAN

17.1 The contract shall automatically expire on the day following the final date named on the transfer. The responsibility for such transfer back to the original owner shall be based on the formal request of the lessor. If the re-transfer is not signed by the original transferee within thirty (30) days of such expiration or determination, the Board may upon the application of the original owner and with the approval of the Council record a re-transfer of the dog in favour of the original owner.

18 EXPORT

18.1 Any owner or agent selling a dog to any overseas purchaser must supply a four-generation pedigree and registration documents in the name of the purchaser within fourteen (14) days of disposal. **See also Clauses 24.1 to 24.5.**

19 BREEDING RECORDS

19.1 It shall be the duty of every member being the owner of a dog to keep proper records of his breeding activities and all such records so kept shall be open for inspection by any person authorised by the Council to inspect the same. Any such person shall be at liberty to take such extracts therefrom as he may think fit.

19.2 The WKC reserves the exclusive right to use its records for any purpose the Board deems necessary or desirable.

20 REGULATIONS GOVERNING ACCEPTANCE FOR REGISTRATION IN THE REGISTER OF DOGS GOT BY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

20.1 No person shall be allowed to register in the Council's Register any dog born as a result of artificial insemination unless the following Regulations are strictly observed to the entire satisfaction of the Council. Permission to practise Artificial Insemination must be obtained from the Council.

20.1.1 A member using his own dog for the Artificial Insemination of his own bitches or using for the same purpose a dog hired by him standing on his own premises, will be required only to supply a Certificate signed by the Inseminator and comply with Clause 20.1.4 <By-law modified 19/9/99>

20.1.2 The Owner of a bitch inseminated at an Artificial Insemination Centre must obtain from the Centre a Certificate giving the name and number of the dog from which the semen was taken, also the name, number and all marks of the female on date of insemination. The Certificate must be signed on behalf of the Centre by its licensed Inseminator or Veterinary Surgeon who inserted the semen.

20.1.3 In the case of a bitch being inseminated with semen collected by one Artificial Insemination Centre of "Licensed Owner" and inserted by another Centre, or by a qualified member of the Veterinary profession or other person approved by the Board of the WKC, the owner of such female must obtain from the despatching Centre or "Licensed Owner" a Certificate of origin of semen, giving the name and number of the dog from which the semen was taken. He must also obtain a Certificate, issued from the Centre, or by a qualified member of the Veterinary profession, or by another person approved by the Council, responsible for the insemination, to the effect that the semen referred to was duly inserted in a bitch, giving her name, registration number and markings, also the date of the insertion of the semen. It is essential that all the markings must be verified by the person inseminating the bitch.

20.1.4 These Certificates for the supplying of semen and use and practice of Artificial Insemination shall be sent to the WKC within fourteen (14) days of insertion. Separate Certificates are to be supplied for each supply of semen and use of same.

20.1.5 A person shall state on the litter notification form that the progeny in question was a result of Artificial Insemination, and give all the requisite particulars as at present or hereafter required.

20.1.6 All dogs used to supply semen for Artificial Insemination must be registered in the WKC Register or a Register recognised by this Council.

20.1.7 The WKC reserves the right to withhold its approval of any Artificial Insemination Centre, "Licensed Owner", Veterinary Surgeon, private practitioner or other person. The decision of the Council as to the withholding of the Council's approval shall be final and binding for the purpose of these rules.

20.1.8 The Council may demand a DNA blood test or the collection of blood samples from the dog, the bitch, and the progeny for the purpose of having such tests carried out.

20.1.9 Applications for the registration of dogs got by Artificial Insemination shall be reviewed by

the Board before the same are recommended for acceptance or rejection.

20.1.10 To signify that an animal was got by Artificial Insemination, the words "got by Artificial Insemination" shall be printed on the Registration Certificate.

20.1.11 If any circumstances occur which are not, or which are alleged not to be provided for by these Regulations, the Council may deal with the matter and make such decision as it deems fit and such decision shall be final and binding upon all persons affected thereby.

21 DEATHS

21.1 Upon the death of a dog registered with the WKC, notice shall within twenty-eight (28) days thereafter be given by the owner to the Registrar who shall record the same in the records.

22 STUD BOOK REGISTERS

22.1 The WKC shall maintain a National Stud Book Register and a National Appendix Register.

22.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Regulations contained, the Board shall keep, conduct and maintain the Council's Stud Registers, pursuant to the objects of the Council, and shall compile therefrom and publish National Stud Book volumes so often and in such manner and containing such matter as the Board shall think fit.

22.3 The Board shall have entire and unfettered control of the National Stud Register, Appendix and other Registers and Stud Books, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing. The Board, may from time to time make and put into effect By-Laws:

22.3.1 Governing the Stud Book and prescribing the circumstances and conditions in and upon which dogs may be registered in the National Stud Book or entered in any Appendix volumes.

22.3.2 Governing the circumstances or conditions in or upon which any registration or entry to the Stud Registers may be varied or cancelled.

22.3.3 Regulating the sale, transfer, or leasing of registered dogs and as to the recording of deaths of registered dogs.

22.3.4 Fixing such fees for registration or the requirement for entry in either Register as deemed necessary from time to time.

23 INSPECTION

23.1 After due notice, any member applying for registration of a dog, and any owner of a dog shall if and when required so to do by the Board, produce such dog for inspection, examination and/or testing by an inspector appointed by the WKC. If the dog shall not be produced for inspection, examination and/or testing in accordance with this By-Law, such dog in the absence of special circumstances considered sufficient by the Board, shall be ineligible for registration, or if registered the registration shall be cancelled.

23.2 Any dog submitted for registration must be subject to inspection if deemed necessary or desirable by the Board, who may require the applicant to pay the reasonable costs of the inspection.

23.3 The WKC reserves the right to refuse registration without assigning any reason therefore.

24 EXPORT

24.1 Any owner or agent selling a dog to any overseas purchaser must supply a four-generation pedigree and registration documents in the name of the purchaser within fourteen (14) days of disposal.

24.2 No dog shall be exported through the WKC or exported with the WKC Export Certificate or certified papers unless:-

24.2.1 Such dog shall have been inspected by an inspector or inspectors appointed by the Board for that purpose; and

24.2.2 The inspector has certified that the dog is suitable in every way as to conformation, type and otherwise, for export.

24.3 No registration or export certificate shall be effected unless all preliminary requirements have been completed prior to departure of the dog from Australia.

24.4 The Council may waive Clauses 24.2.1 and 24.2.2 at its discretion, after considering the individual application.

24.5 Export certificates will not be issued for other than dogs registered to the National Stud Register and A4 grade Appendix as from 16th July 1988. This ruling may be varied for dogs registered in the A3 category prior to this date at the Board's discretion.

25 LITTERS

25.1 Notification of litter details is a compulsory part of the WKC application for registration and or transfer form

25.2 Litter details shall be recorded in the Stud Register.

26 DE-REGISTRATION FROM NATIONAL STUD REGISTER AND/OR APPENDIX REGISTER

- 26.1 The WKC reserves the right to de-register any dog without assigning any reason therefore.
- 26.2 Without prejudice to the generality of Regulations the registration in the National Stud Register or National Appendix Register will be subject to cancellation if:
- 26.2.1 The prescribed fee payable upon any registration or transfer or application for transfer of such dog shall not be duly paid; or -
 - 26.2.2 The dog or any interest in the dog be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of or dealt with and no application for transfer in the prescribed form be lodged with and accepted by the WKC OR
 - 26.2.3 The dog is being used for stud breeding and is not entire; OR
 - 26.2.4 The dog is diagnosed as having, or carrying an inherited genetic defect which could prove detrimental to the future of the breed; OR
 - 26.2.5 The dog be not true to type; OR
 - 26.2.6 Any particulars furnished in the application for its registration in the National Stud Register or Appendix Register be in the opinion of the WKC incorrect; OR
 - 26.2.7 In the opinion of the WKC it is in the interests of the breed that the registration of the dog be cancelled; OR
 - 26.2.8 In the opinion of the WKC the dog or its record has been subjected to any faking; OR
 - 26.2.9 The owner becomes bankrupt, or, in the case of a Company going into liquidation or if the owner shall be declared insane or if by operation of law its registered owner be divested of the legal ownership, possession or control of the dog other than by virtue of a registered transfer.

27 CANINE REGISTRATION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 27.1 The Board may from time to time prescribe what fees and subscriptions shall be payable in respect of, or incidental to recordings in the National Stud Book Register or applications therefore.

28 ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL KELPIE FIELD TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION AND / OR BREED TROPHIES

- 28.1 Only dogs registered to the WKC National Stud Register A2 Appendix or higher, or progeny of suitably registered dogs shall be deemed eligible or compete for trophies donated by or managed by the Working Kelpie Council. These trophies can be:-
- 28.1.1 Perpetual trophies controlled by the WKC
 - 28.1.2 Trophies donated by the WKC or its members.
 - 28.1.3 Trophies donated by any other organisation or individuals.
- 28.2 Dogs registered under one or other of the Systems prefixes are not deemed eligible to compete in the National Kelpie Field Trial Championship or for WKC or individual Breed trophies.

29 ALTERATION, ADDITION OR DELETION OF BY-LAWS

- 29.1 The Board reserves the right, following due notice to all elected members, to adopt any additional by-laws deemed necessary and to amend or delete any of the by-laws set out above.

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