

Animal welfare standards and guidelines for breeding dogs and their progeny

Dear registered dog breeder,

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to promoting the responsible breeding of dogs and ensuring action can be taken against breeders for irresponsible dog breeding practices.

The next step is the introduction of the *Queensland animal welfare standards and guidelines for breeding dogs and their progeny* (Standards and Guidelines) from 1 October 2018.

The Standards and Guidelines describe appropriate care, management, shelter and socialisation of breeding dogs.

How will this affect you?

The new Standards are compulsory from 1 October 2018.

The Guidelines are not compulsory and are the recommended practices to achieve desirable animal welfare outcomes.

All dog breeders (including those breeding pets, working dogs, hunting dogs or breeding dogs for commercial purposes) must comply with the new Standards.

Those breeders who are already caring for their breeding dogs in responsible and appropriate ways should not be significantly impacted by the new Standards.

Those breeders not meeting the new Standards of care, management, shelter and socialisation will have to improve upon their practices in order to comply.

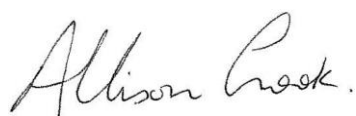
More information

Copies of the *Queensland animal welfare standards and guidelines for breeding dogs and their progeny* and advice are available from:

- The Queensland government website: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/livestock/animal-welfare/dog-breeder-registration>
- The Customer Service Centre of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries by:
 - Phone: 13 25 23 (cost of a local call within Queensland) or +61 7 3404 6999
 - 8 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 - 9 am to 5 pm Thursday,
 - Email: callweb@daf.qld.gov.au
 - Fax: +61 7 3404 6900.

The Queensland Dog Breeder Register, which also facilitates the reporting of a concern, can be accessed at: www.qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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