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### Minimum breeding age for Afghan Hounds & Labrador Retrievers Survey Results

#### Minimum Breeding Age for Afghan Hound Bitches

##### Result

|                        |     |        |       |       |      |                 |       |
|------------------------|-----|--------|-------|-------|------|-----------------|-------|
| Ballot Papers sent out | 175 | YES 47 | 26.9% | NO 13 | 7.4% | NO RESPONSE 115 | 65.7% |
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As a result of this vote, Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 8.16 which was suspended in June 2022 will be reinstated.

#### LABRADOR RETRIEVER

#### Minimum Breeding Age for Labrador Retriever Bitches

##### Result

|                        |      |         |       |        |      |                 |       |
|------------------------|------|---------|-------|--------|------|-----------------|-------|
| Ballot Papers sent out | 1557 | YES 438 | 28.1% | NO 123 | 7.4% | NO RESPONSE 996 | 64.0% |
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As a result of this vote, Regulation Part 6 – The Register and Registration Clause 8.12.2 remains unchanged.

### Amendment to ANKC Ltd Regulations

- Rules for the Conduct of Agility Trials and Agility Games - Original Rule 7.2 reinstated  
In 2020 Rule 7.2 in the Rules for the Conduct of Agility Trials and Agility Games was temporarily modified to safeguard Trial officials against the transmission of COVID. The States and Territory governments are now free from any COVID restrictions which makes this rule modification redundant. The National Agility Committee members has agreed the temporary rule is no longer required and the original Rule 7.2 should be reinstated effective immediately.

Please be advised that the temporary rule that was mandated in 2020 is now unnecessary and we ask that you revert to the original Rule 7.2 in the Rule Book as noted below. Should a future restriction be put in force in any State or Territory, that Member Body may reinstate the COVID modification until such time as the restriction is lifted without referring to Dogs Australia for approval.

#### 7.2. Entering and Exiting the Ring

On the Steward's call of the dog's catalogue number, the Handler will enter the ring via the entry point, with the dog on lead either carried or walked and follow the Steward's and/or Judge's instructions. The lead and harness or head collar must be removed, the collar may be removed and all items handed to a Steward or may be placed on the ground behind or in a provided nearby receptacle. The steward will remove items after the dog/handler team commences their run.

For information purposes only please find below a copy of the temporary modified rule:

7.2 On the Steward's call of the dog's catalogue number, the Handler will enter the ring via the entry point, with the dog on lead and follow the Steward's and/or Judge's instructions. *The lead will be removed, the collar maybe removed. The Handler will either place the lead/collar in a pocket whilst running the course or wear it on them (e.g. clipped around their waist like a belt). If any of these items fall to the ground or the dog grabs the lead while running the course this will result in a DQ. The lead/collar must be inaudible and if not this will result in a DQ.*

- **Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show-** updated with new Clause 2.7 relating to the use of Ramps/Tables in accordance with Item 4.3 of the June 2023 Special Board meeting minutes. (the referenced ramp listing can also be found directly under the new regulations)
- **Rules for the Conduct of Obedience Trials** have been amended as follows:
  - Fouling (page 3)
    - Present Rule:  
A dog which fouls at any time while it is under the control of the Judge must be disqualified
    - Change to:  
A dog which fouls at any time while it is under the control of the Judge must be disqualified **and removed from the ring immediately.**

AND

- Disqualification (page 4)
  - Present rule:  
No points awarded. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Member Body within 14 days – the only exception being in the instances where the disqualification was incurred for continual barking, a correction penalty, fouling the ring or for handlers bringing training aids into the ring.
  - Change to:  
No points awarded. The dog is disqualified from all Trial Competition on the day and the Judge must provide a written report to the Member Body within 14 days. **~~The only exception being~~ In instances where the disqualification was incurred for continual barking, a correction penalty, fouling the ring or for handlers bringing training aids into the ring, handlers will only be disqualified from that class and no report is required.**

These amendments are effective from 1 January 2024.

- **Rules for the Conduct of Retrieving Trials for Gundogs** have been amended as follows:

8 (k) Game – Definition of - Quail, Duck, Pigeon, Partridge, Grouse, Ptarmigan, Pheasant, Rabbit and Hare, **inclusive of domesticated or replica variants of the above species.**

This amendment is effective 1 January 2024.

Please note the updated rules are available from the Dogs Australia website at: <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/members/rule-regulations/rules/> '(October 2023 amendments effective 1 January 2024)'

### **Registration of Frozen Semen and Other Procedures & Forms.**

The Dogs Australia website has been updated with the new form in relation to frozen semen. The

existing Form 1 (Certificate of Collection of Semen) and Form 2 (Application for Registration of Semen) has now been combined into new Form 1 (Combined Collection and Registration of Semen Application) with the existing Form 3 (Certificate of Use of Registered Semen) renumbered to Form 2.

The Procedure and Forms can be viewed under Procedures at: <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/about-dogs-australia/forms-and-guides/>

**2024 National Show/Restricted Trials - Dalmatian Club of Victoria Inc**

To be held on 1 to 3 November 2024 at Kilchurn Winery, 144 Glenfern Road, Romsey, Victoria

**2024 National Show - Afghan Hound Club of Victoria Inc**

To be held on 2 November 2024 at KCC Park, 655 Westernport Highway, Skye, Victoria.

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- 5100025919 - Ross Jackson & Bonnie Parker – Prefix Parkeyre – Suspension of 1 year – Effective from 11 October 2023