



ANKC LTD SURVEY

ATTENTION: ALL OWNERS OF BULLMASTIFF'S

Hip and Elbow Dysplasia

This survey applies to any Member of a Canine Control affiliated with the ANKC Ltd who is the owner of a registered Bullmastiff. In the interests of the breed, please read this survey carefully and reply by completing the return slip below and return to the ANKC Ltd Administrator, PO Box 309, Carina. QLD. 4152 by 1 October 2012.

HIP AND ELBOW DYSPLASIA REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF BULLMASTIFF PUPPIES ON MAIN OR LIMITED REGISTER

Proposal by THE NATIONAL BULLMASTIFF BREED COUNCIL (NBBC)

The NBBC has resolved that all BULLMASTIFF owners litter **Registration Limitations** be added to include the following and apply for all litters born after 1 January 2013.

- 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 1 June 2011.
- 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 1 June 2011.

Where either or both parents were born after the 1 July 2011, those parents/parent will be required to comply as a prerequisite to registration of any Bullmastiff litter on the ANKC Ltd Register main or limited to the above screening. Dogs must be positively identified by microchip or tattoo prior to being x-rayed. Results of these assessments must be submitted at time of litter registration. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will **not** be registered.

Rationale:

Hip and elbow dysplasia are significant and complex genetic diseases in dogs. NBBC considers both these conditions have a significant negative impact on the quality of life of the breed. It is therefore very important that these conditions be screened for so that the incidence and severity of these conditions be reduced over time and across the whole breed. Bullmastiff breeders now have tools available to enable them to identify and use genetic selection to address hip and elbow dysplasia issues in their bloodlines.

Accordingly, a national unified approach is proposed to ensure that all breeding stock are hip and elbow scored and that those scores are submitted to the relevant canine controlling body before progeny from those dogs can be registered. It is not the intention of the NBBC to identify what an "acceptable" hip or elbow score is, but rather that the process of hip and elbow scoring all breeding stock in a systematic way will:

- improve our efforts to eliminate the disease;
- demonstrate to the broader community that Bullmastiff breeders are proactively working together to address known health issues in the breed, and
- reduce the ability of careless, ignorant or profit-driven ANKC-affiliated registered breeders to disregard the potential for hip and elbow dysplasia to affect the wellbeing of the Bullmastiff breed. It will be a significant discouragement to puppy farming/backyard breeding if only puppies from hip and elbow scored parents can only be registered

EXCLUSIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL:

It is important to note that; this proposal does not affect dogs born **prior to 1 July 2011**, nor semen collected and stored **prior to 1 July 2012 in Australia**.

This proposal does not affect **semen imported from an overseas country**. However, if a dog has been hip and or elbow scored and has its microchip number/Tattoo recorded on its x-ray report then these can be submitted at the importers discretion to this scheme.

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YOUR VOTE (Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

- 1.1 For litters of Bullmastiffs born after 1 January 2013 and where the parents have been born after 1 June 2011, these parents must be screened for Hip Dysplasia through an official Hip Dysplasia Control Scheme

YES / NO

- 1.2 For litters of Bullmastiffs born after 1 January 2013 and where the parents have been born after 1 June 2011, these parents must be screened for Elbow Dysplasia through an official Elbow Dysplasia Scheme.

YES / NO

NAME: _____ **MEMBERSHIP NO:** _____

Registered Number and DOB of a Bullmastiff you currently own: _____ DOB: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____