

**SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING &  
BOARD MEETING HELD IN BRISBANE ON 19 & 20 OCTOBER 2024**

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Australian National Kennel Council Limited held in Brisbane:

**1. Election of ANKC Ltd Executive**

- Mr Hugh Gent OAM was re-elected unopposed as President for a three-year term from 19 October 2024;
- Ms Pam Campbell was elected unopposed as Vice President for a one-year term from 19 October 2024;
- Mr David Sales was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one-year term from 19 October 2024;
- Mr Brian Parker was re-elected as a member of the Executive Committee for a one-year term from 19 October 2024.

**2. Increase to Overseas Judges Application Approval Fees**

It was resolved that the fees for Overseas Judges approvals be set as follows effective from 1 July 2025:

\$121.00 (incl GST) – (If lodged 9 months prior to the show)

\$231.00 (incl GST) – (If lodged less than 9 months prior to the show)

\$33.00 (incl GST) – (new fee applicable for each request to amend an existing approval)

**3. ANKC Ltd Constitution – Amendment to Part 1 Objects & Related Matters, Clause 3(t)**

It was resolved that the Constitution of the Company be amended by as follows:

THAT the Constitution of ANKC Ltd, Part 1: Objects & Related Matters, Clause 3(t), be amended as follows:-

Currently reads:-

- (t) *To collect, verify and publish information relating to Dogs registered in the Register of Associate Dogs and of Exhibitions of such Dogs.*

Amended to read:-

- (t) *To collect, verify and publish information relating to Dogs registered in the Register of Associate **and Sporting** Dogs and of Exhibitions of such Dogs.*

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2025.

**4. ANKC Ltd Constitution – Amendment to Part II Objects & Related Matters, Clause 9: Definitions and Interpretation**

It was resolved that the Constitution of the Company be amended by as follows:

THAT the Constitution of ANKC Ltd, Part II: Objects & Related Matters, Clause 9: Definitions and Interpretation, be amended by the inclusion of an additional Definition for "Sporting Register Dogs", as follows:-

9. *Definitions and Interpretation*

**"Sporting Dog" means a Dog that is registered with a Dogs Australia recognised Working Dog Association or Kindred Body that caters for Working, Sporting or Performance Dogs.**

This amendment is effective from 1 January 2025.

At the October 2024 Dogs Australia Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

**1. \* Regulations Part 2 – Judges**

It was resolved that Regulations Part 2 – Judges, Section 3 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

- 3.2 The number of dogs any one judge may judge on any day (excluding Group and General Specials) is 250 exhibits, except in extenuating circumstances with the prior approval of the judge and the Member Body. (09/71) (Amended 10/12 – 7.5.3, 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/17, 7.5.7 – Effective 01/01/18)

Be amended to read:

- 3.2.1 The number of dogs any one judge may judge on any day **where that judge is only contracted to judge no more 1 Group** (excluding Group and General Specials) is 250 exhibits including Sweepstakes Classes, except in extenuating circumstances with the prior approval of the judge and the Member Body. (09/71) (Amended 10/12 – 7.5.3, 10/13 – 5.6.4) (Amended 10/17, 7.5.7 – Effective 01/01/18)
- 3.2.2 **Where a Judge is contracted to judge more than 1 Group on any day (excluding Group and General Specials) is 200 exhibits including Sweepstakes Classes, except in extenuating circumstances with the prior approval of the judge and the Member Body.**

These amendments will be effective from 1 July 2025.

**2. \* Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows**

It was resolved that Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Shows Section 10.12 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

**Section 10.12 Sire and Dam of Merit (Added 06/24, 5.4 - effective 01/01/ 2025)**

10.12.1 Sire of Merit (SOM) - A dog that has produced at least ten (10) Conformation Champion offspring.

10.12.2 Dam of Merit (DOM) - A bitch that has produced at least five (5) Conformation Champion offspring.

10.12.3 At least 1 of the conformation Champion titles (CH, GRCH, SUPCH, CIB, A2O) must have been awarded after the implementation date (01 January 2025).

**Be amended to read:**

**Section 10.12 Sire and Dam of Merit (Added 06/24, 5.4 - effective 01/01/ 2025)**

10.12.1 Sire of Merit (SOM) - A dog that has produced at least ten (10) Conformation Champion offspring.

10.12.2 Dam of Merit (DOM) - A bitch that has produced at least five (5) Conformation Champion offspring.

10.12.3 At least 1 of the conformation Champion titles (all conformation titles are included) must have been awarded after the implementation date (01 January 2025).

These amendments will be effective from 1 January 2025.

### 3. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration

It was resolved that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clauses 6.3.4.3 and 6.3.4.9 be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

6.3.4.3 Effective from 1 January 2016

no 'Merle' Chihuahuas can be registered on any register and a 'Merle' Chihuahua imported into Australia cannot be registered on any register. (10/15, 6.4)

**Be amended to read:**

6.3.4.3 Effective from 1 July 2025

Merle, Chihuahuas can only be registered on the Limited Register and notated "Never to be upgraded" once proof of breed purity and parentage has been confirmed by DNA profile.

Currently reads:

6.3.4.9 Effective from 1 July 2021

No 'Merle' French Bulldogs can be registered on any Dogs Australia register and a 'Merle' French Bulldog imported into Australia cannot be registered on any register. No 'Long Coat or Hairless' French Bulldogs can be registered on any Dogs Australia register. (Added 02/21, 5.2)

**Be amended to read:**

6.3.4.9 Effective from 1 July 2025

Merle, long coat and hairless French Bulldogs can only be registered on the Limited Register and notated "Never to be upgraded" once proof of breed purity and parentage has been confirmed by DNA profile.

These amendments will be effective from 1 July 2025.

### 4. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration

It was resolved that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 3.2 (d) be amended be amended to remove the wording 'and c' in the second last row and change DAWR to DAWF as noted below:

- d. *Proof of Shipment from the country of origin to Australia such as transportation documents "Airway Bill" OR an Authorised Agency under the Bio Security Act 2016, Bio Security Release form (b ~~and c~~ above are not required if you have the **DAWF DAWR** release)*

These amendments will be effective immediately.

### 5. \* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration

It was resolved that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Section 7 be amended as follows:

#### **Insert New Clause 7.5**

7.5 Multi Champion

7.5.1 Dogs awarded four or more Champion Titles one title must be a Conformation Champion the other titles from any three or more of the other ANKC Ltd recognised disciplines shall be granted the title "Multi Champion" and the title shall appear before the name of the dog with the other discipline Titles indicated in brackets e.g. M.CH. [O] [T] [TS]

~~7.5.2 In the case of an application for a "Multi Champion" where the Neuter Champion replaces the Conformation Champion the title "Multi Champion" shall be granted and the title shall appear before the name of the dog with the other discipline titles indicated in brackets e.g. M.CH. (Neuter) [O] [T] [TS]~~

Consequential Changes – Renumbering of existing Rule 7.5 as 7.6.

### Insert New Clause 7.7

#### 7.7 Triple Grand Champion

7.7.1 Dogs awarded three Grand Champion Titles one title must be a Conformation Grand Champion the other titles from any two of the other ANKC Ltd recognised disciplines shall be granted the title "Triple Grand Champion" and the title shall appear before the name of the dog with the other discipline Titles indicated in brackets e.g. TRIPLE GR. CH. [O] [T] [TS]

7.7.2 In the case of an application for a "Triple Grand Champion" where the Neuter Grand Champion replaces the Conformation Grand Champion the title "Triple Grand Champion" shall be granted and the title shall appear before the name of the dog with the other discipline titles indicated in brackets e.g. TRIPLE GR. CH. (Neuter) [O] [T] [TS]

### Insert New Rule 7.8

#### 7.8 Multi Grand Champion

7.8.1 Dogs awarded four or more Grand Champion Titles one title must be a Conformation Grand Champion the other titles from any three or more of the other ANKC Ltd recognised disciplines shall be granted the title "Multi Grand Champion" and the title shall appear before the name of the dog with the other discipline Titles indicated in brackets e.g. M.GR.CH. [O] [T] [TS]

7.8.2 In the case of an application for a "Multi Grand Champion" where the Neuter Grand Champion replaces the Conformation Grand Champion the title "Multi Grand Champion" shall be granted and the title shall appear before the name of the dog with the other discipline titles indicated in brackets e.g. M.GR.CH. (Neuter) [O] [T] [TS]

Consequential Changes – Renumbering of existing Rule 7.6 as 7.9.

These amendments will be effective from 1 January 2025.

## 6. \* National Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership

It was resolved that the National Code of Practice of Responsible Dog Ownership be amended as follows:

Currently reads:

Breeding

11. A member shall breed primarily for the purpose of improving the quality and / or working ability of the breed in accordance with the breed standard, and not specifically for the pet or commercial market.

Amend to read:

Breeding

11. A member shall breed primarily for the purpose of improving **and / or maintaining** the **health**, quality and / or working ability of the breed, **and for breed preservation**, in accordance with the breed standard, ~~and not specifically for the pet or commercial market.~~

These amendments will be effective from 1 January 2025.

## 7. \* Regulations Part 9 – Non Resident Judges

It was resolved that Regulations Part 9 – Non Resident Judges Sections 1 and 2 be amended as follows:

### 1. General Regulations– All Judges

- 1.1 A Non Resident Judge must be able to verbally communicate with exhibitors to a degree that their directions and decisions are clearly understood or have a competent interpreter.
- 1.2 If a Non-Resident Judge is unable to read English, the Club **Affiliate or Organisation** conducting the event is to provide an assurance that all ANKC Ltd Rules, Regulations, Policies, Procedures and breed standards have either been translated in writing into a language understood by the Non-Resident Judge or communicated orally. **The assurance, signed by both the Affiliate or Organisation and the judge, must accompany the application.**
- 1.3 The Affiliate conducting the show must have some knowledge of **the** Non Resident Judge and their background and ability to judge.

### 2. Regulations – Conformation Judges

- ~~2.1 A Non Resident Judge must be approved and have awarded in their Country of Residence Challenge Certificates, or their equivalent to a minimum of 70% of the Major breeds\* in each group as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list. A judge approved to judge 70% of the major breeds within a Group may judge the whole or part of the Group if split. (05/05) (Amended 10/22, 5.2, Effective 01/01/2023)~~

- 2.1 Unless forbidden by the Regulations of their Country of residence, for a Non-Resident Judge to be approved to judge Group Specials in Australia, but not the individual breeds for which they are not approved at breed level, they must be approved and have awarded in their Country of Residence Challenge Certificates or their equivalent, to a minimum of 70% of the Major breeds\* in each group as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list.**

**\*Major Breed** a breed that has an average of 60 plus registrations over the last 3 years as recorded on the Dogs Australia Website.

- 2.1.1 Best in Show at Championship or CACIB Shows can only be judged by judges who are approved to judge Best in Show in their Country of Residence, provided that judge is approved by ANKC Ltd to judge at least 4 Group Specials in Australia**

**Alternatively, should a judge from a non FCI Country be able to judge 70% of the Breeds in each of the 7 Groups as per the ANKC Ltd recognized Group/Breed list, the ANKC Ltd may then grant permission for that judge to judge Best in Show. FCI Judges Regulation 2 e prevents this alternative being applied to FCI Judges.**

### **Delete current 2.2 as it is a duplication of current 2.1**

~~2.2. A Non-Resident Judge must be approved and have awarded in their Country of Residence Challenge Certificates, or their equivalent, to a minimum of 70% of the Breeds in each group as per the ANKC Ltd recognised Group/Breed list. A judge approved to judge 70% of the breeds within a Group may judge the whole or part of the Group if split. (05/05)~~

- 2.2 Notwithstanding the provisions in 2.1 the following Regulations are currently applied by individual National Canine Organisations.**

### **FCI**

In accordance with FCI Show Regulations 2 e, judges from FCI National Canine Organisations may under no circumstances agree to judge a breed at any show for which they are not approved by their own NCO (National Canine Organization) and for which they are not listed in the FCI Judges Directory. The same applies for judging at Best in Group and Best in Show level.

When seeking approval to judge at an FCI International Show in Australia, a Non-Resident Judge may only apply to award the CACIB to breeds for which they are individually listed in the FCI Judges Directory, failing to comply with this requirement will result in the FCI invalidating the confirmation of the CACIBs incorrectly awarded. For non CACIB breeds listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray Valley Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

### **Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)**

CKC Licensed judges are permitted to judge at Championship Shows in foreign countries and issue Challenge Certificates only for breeds that they are licenced for in Canada.

For breeds that are not recognised in Canada, that are listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog Murray Valley Retriever, and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges, after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

At FCI International CACIB Shows CKC judges are only allowed to judge and award CACIB's to the breeds that they are approved to judge at Championship Shows in Canada. For breeds that are not recognised in Canada but are recognised by both ANKC Ltd and the FCI on a definitive basis, and are listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog Murray Valley Retriever, and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges, after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

### **The Royal Kennel Club (UK)**

Where an applicant is approved by the Royal Kennel Club, to judge a group or Groups at Championship Show level, and has Open Show experience or has issued Challenge Certificates outside England, subject to compliance with 2.1, may be approved to judge at Group level in Australia for those groups/breeds so qualified, subject to the Non-Resident Judge providing the details required, listed as follows:

- (a) Date of Open / FCI / Green Star Shows
- (b) Name of Show
- (c) List of Breed/s judged
- (d) Number of Dogs judged in each Breed
- (e) List of "any other variety" breeds judged together with the number of dogs in each breed judged.

The above information is to be provided with the initial application for approval.

At FCI International CACIB Shows RKC judges are only allowed to judge and award CACIB's to the breeds that are recognised by the FCI on a definitive basis and that they are approved to judge and award Challenges to at Championship Shows in the United Kingdom.

For breeds that are not recognised by the Royal Kennel Club, listed in Appendix A to these Regulations, including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray Valley Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

### **American Kennel Club (AKC)**

AKC Licensed judges are permitted to judge at Championship Shows in overseas countries and issue Challenge Certificates only for breeds that they are licenced for in the USA. For Miscellaneous and FSS (*Foundation Stock Service Breeds*) and breeds that are not recognised by the AKC, listed in Appendix B to these Regulations including the Australasian

Bosdog, Murray Valley Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

At FCI International shows, AKC judges are eligible to judge and award the CACIB provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. The breeds they are scheduled to judge are recognized by the AKC (this does not include Miscellaneous and FSS).
2. They are allowed, under AKC regulations, to judge the breeds in question at AKC events and award them championship points.

For Miscellaneous and FSS and breeds that are not recognised by the AKC but are recognised by both ANKC Ltd and the FCI on a definitive basis and listed in Appendix B to these Regulations including the Australasian Bosdog, Murray Valley Retriever and Tenterfield Terrier, approval may be granted to award Challenges after the judge completes an ANKC Ltd Open Book Examination\* on those breeds.

**NB** \*Open Book Examinations will be compiled by the Overseas Judges Approval Board, will be available on the Dogs Australia Website, the completed examinations must accompany the initial application for approval

### **2.3 Now not relevant, delete in its entirety**

~~2.3. Where a Non Resident Judge has been invited to judge a single breed, or up to three breeds at any one show then that person must be approved and have awarded in their Country of residence Challenge Certificates, or their equivalent, for that or all breeds to be judged. Where the two and/or three breeds comprise the whole show and a Non Resident Judge has been invited to judge Best in Show at the show, the Non Resident Judge must be approved and have awarded in their Country of residence Challenge Certificates to one of the breeds and must have Open Show experience in each of the other breeds, to be approved to judge Best in Show. The Open Show experience must be at least three (3) shows per breed, with a total number of dogs judged for each breed to be at least 100. (10/99)~~

### **Delete current 2.4 now covered by 2.1.1**

~~2.4. Best In Show can only be judged by judges who are approved to judge Best In Show in their Country of Residence, provided that judge is approved by ANKC Ltd to judge at least 3 Group Specials in Australia. (05/05) 2.4.1. Alternatively should the judge be able to judge 70% of the Breeds in each of the 7 Groups as per the ANKC Ltd recognized Group/Breed list, the ANKC Ltd may then grant permission for that judge to judge Best in Show. (05/05) 2.4.2. Where a judge conforms with 2.1 that judge may judge Group Specials. (05/05)~~

### **Delete Current 2.5 now covered by 2.2**

~~2.5. Where an applicant is approved by the Kennel Club England to judge a group or Groups at Championship Show level, and has Open Show experience or has issued Challenge Certificates outside England may be approved to judge at Group level in Australia for those groups/breeds so qualified, subject to the Non Resident Judge providing the details required, listed as follows: (a) Date of Open/ FCI / Green Star Shows (b) Name of Show (c) List of Breed/s judged (d) Number of Dogs judged in each Breed (e) List of "any other variety" breeds judged together with the number of dogs in each breed judged. The above information is to be provided with the initial application for approval of an Overseas Judge (05/05)~~

### **2.5 Renumbered**

**2.3** Where an application has been received from a Non Resident Judge who has previously been approved by their Country of Residence's Controlling Body to award Challenge Certificates, or their equivalent, in their Country of Residence, and are currently on an "inactive" list due to being employed by their Controlling Body, and their Country's Rules and Regulations prevent them from judging in their Country of Residence, they may be approved to judge in Australia, subject to:

- 2.3.1** The person has awarded Challenge Certificates, or their equivalent, in their Country of Residence within the previous ten [10] years, and;
- 2.3.2** The person has judged the breeds they are seeking approval for within the last three [3] years at a recognised show conducted under the auspice of a recognised Controlling Body.
- 2.4** Judges who have moved their country of residence and are not approved to judge some or all the breeds in their new country of residence that they were approved to judge in their original country of residence, will be eligible to be approved by the ANKC Ltd to judge the breeds they were approved to judge in their original country of residence. Judges, who have been licenced by a neighbouring Country which is not their Country of Residence, shall be allowed to Judge on furnishing documentation from their Country of Residence and their Country of Licence. (05/05)
- 2.5** A Non Resident Judge approved on a provisional permit or apprentice basis is not eligible for approval to Judge at Championship Shows in Australia for those breeds or Groups subject to such provisional permit or apprenticeship.

**2.8 Now not relevant, delete in its entirety**

~~2.8. A Non Resident Judge on their first judging assignment in Australia will not be permitted to judge more than four shows in one state/territory on his first tour.~~

Copies of Appendix A and B as referenced in the amendments above are attached to this summary.

These amendments will be effective from 1 January 2025.

**8. National Junior Handler Final - Sponsorship**

It was resolved that sponsorship as proposed by Moorholme Pet Transport for the National Junior Handler Final be endorsed.

**9. ANZAC Day – War Memorial**

It was resolved that ANKC Member Bodies be encouraged to place a wreath on their war memorial on Anzac Day in recognition of dogs and other animals that have served in the Australia Defence Force.

**10. \* Dogs Australia Rules - Amendment**

Amendments to the following rules have been endorsed and will be effective 1 January 2025.

Rules for the Conduct of Lure Coursing Trials  
Rules for the Conduct of Field Trials for Spaniels & Retrievers

\* New or amended regulations, policy statements, procedures, publications and listings will be made available from the Dogs Australia website.

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