

The Facts & Common Questions: Combined Litter Registration & Transfer to the New Owner

The Combined Litter Registration and Transfer process was introduced in March 2020. DOGS NSW would like to provide clarity by answering some of the commonly asked questions about this process.

Q. If a breeder is unable to receive informed consent from the proposed new owner, where does the registration stand?

A. If the new owner refuses to provide their details then it is not possible for the breeder to transfer the puppy into that new owner's name and, therefore, the puppy would remain in the breeder's name.

Q. Will the breeder receive advice/a copy of the certificate of registration?

A. When the puppy is transferred into the new owner's name at the time of registration, the breeder will receive by email a "Breeder's copy" of the pedigree.

Q. What if, for any reason, the puppy is returned to the breeder? Will the breeder then be required to obtain a transfer back into their name at a cost?

A. If the sale is cancelled i.e. the sale falls through and the puppy has already been transferred, the breeder can complete the details on the rear of the pedigree with statutory declaration and the puppy will be transferred back to the breeders name at no charge.

If a puppy/dog is returned to the breeder, the breeder will be required to complete the transfer application on the back of the pedigree and pay the relevant fee to have the puppy transferred back to the breeder

If the puppy/dog is returned to the breeder, however, the current owner has lost the pedigree, the current owner will be required to apply for a Duplicate Certificate and, at the same time, can submit a Transfer Application so that the puppy/dog can be transferred at the same time as processing the Duplicate Certificate for which only (1) payment fee is required. Who pays that fee is between the current owner and the breeder.

Q. What if the owner in whose name the puppy is registered refuses to sign the transfer?

A. If the puppy/dog is returned to the breeder, however, the current owner refuses to hand over the pedigree certificate, the breeder can make a submission to the Board of Directors, including documentary proof that they now have possession of the dog, to have the puppy/dog transferred back into their name should that request be approved, the breeder will be required to complete a Transfer Application and pay the relevant fee.

Q. With the increase of \$61.50 as at 1/1/21 for Litter Registration, if we have not sold the pup when papers are returned from Dog NSW to breeder, are we able to send back in & have them put into the new owners name when sold, at no cost?

A. No, the fee of \$61.50 to both register and transfer the puppy is a discounted fee of the combined registration fee (\$41.00) and the transfer fee of (\$43.00) to encourage breeders to comply with the Regulations. The transfer fee of \$43.00 (members) or \$49.00 (non-members) would stand if the puppy was unsold at a later time.

Q. Is Dogs NSW going to change the Code of Ethics to come into line with the distribution of the registration papers, as breeders no longer get them to give out with the sale of puppies, as it currently states?

A. By the breeder providing the details of the new owner at the time of registration is considered to be complying with the requirements of DOGS NSW Regulations Part I-The Register & Registration, Clauses 13.9, 13.10, 13.11 & 13.12. Further, an additional Clause has recently been added to DOGS NSW Regulations Part XIII-Codes of Ethics as follows:-

16 A Member shall, when disposing of a puppy, transfer the ownership of the puppy to the new owner within 28 days. Failure to comply with this Regulations may cause disciplinary action being imposed. (12/20)

Further, that breaches of this Regulations are subject to DOGS NSW current penalty regime, as follows:-

1 st Offence	CAUTION
2 nd Offence	\$200.00
3 rd Offence	\$500.00
4 th Offence	Member to Inquiry

Q. With the changes for the price increase on Litter Registrations, is DOGS NSW going to let breeders/members know what procedures will now be in place for us to use, instead of breeders/members just asking each other & not really knowing what is going on?

A. At the time of implementation of Regulations Part I, Clause 2.9, notification to members was made via the Weekly Woof, DOGS NSW website and all other media platforms. This notification was published on a regular basis at that time.