



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW PUPPY OWNERS

Congratulations on purchasing your new lifelong friend from a Dogs NSW Registered Breeder.

Our responsible registered breeders pride themselves with the care and attention that they give to their puppies to ensure that they have the best start for life. They should also ensure that you are fully informed of the breed characteristics, temperament and ongoing care that is relative to your chosen breed.

As you are now ready to take your new puppy home, (at the age of 8 weeks or older), normally the breeder would have provided you with the following documents:

1. Receipt of sale, clearly stating Main or Limited Registration
2. Vaccination records
3. Puppy care and diet information
4. Main or Limited Register "Certificate of Registration & Pedigree" (signed on the reverse side so that you can submit the transfer of the registered ownership into your name and address with Dogs NSW)

The registration process has now changed Australia wide and, as from 1st January 2012, it is now mandatory for Dogs NSW registered breeders to have all puppies microchipped **PRIOR** to them being registered.

There are many positive reasons behind this and set out below are a few:

- In the unfortunate circumstance that your new puppy gets lost, the microchip details will provide the necessary contact details to reunite you and your dog
- Dogs NSW presents itself to the NSW Government as an organisation that promotes the welfare of purebred dogs and socially responsible breeding practices and under the Companion Animals Act in NSW it is compulsory to have a dog microchipped and registered with the Local Council. Our breeders are now assisting you to ensure that the first step is complied with
- puppies microchipped "at the point of sale" raises the status of Dogs NSW registered breeders above the so called "puppy farmers and/or backyard breeders" who are out there breeding "designer dogs" and/or selling unregistered pure bred puppies
- point of origin can be easily identified i.e. "registered breeder" as opposed to "puppy famer" when various organisations/councils collate data relating to the numbers of dogs that have been abandoned and unfortunately have to be euthanised

The above are a few of the examples for the reasoning behind the introduction of the National microchip requirement.

What does this mean to you?

Basically nothing will change except that the responsible Dogs NSW registered breeder may not be able to provide you with the Certificate of Registration & Pedigree, as mentioned in 4 above, when you pick up your puppy at 8 weeks of age. Generally microchips are implanted in most breeds around 5 to 6 weeks of age, when they receive their first vaccinations, and in smaller breeds this may be older. The breeder then needs to submit an application to register the litter to Dogs NSW, along with the individual microchip details.

So when you pick up your new puppy, the following should now be provided to you:

1. Receipt of sale, clearly indicating Main or Limited Registration
2. Vaccination records
3. Puppy care and diet information
4. Microchip documentation
5. **If available**, the Certificate of Registration & Pedigree (signed on the reverse side so that you can submit the transfer of the registered ownership into your name and address with Dogs NSW)
6. **If not available**, the breeder, upon receipt of the Certificates from Dogs NSW, will sign the reverse side to enable the transfer of ownership and forward on to you. Please make sure that the breeder has your correct postal details.

Now we have put you at ease, enjoy your life with your new best friend and the unconditional love it will give you!