

**SUMMARY OF THE DOGS AUSTRALIA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD IN MELBOURNE ON 21 FEBRUARY 2026**

At the February 2026 Dogs Australia Special Board meeting, Directors resolved/considered the following:

1. * Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show: Amendment

It was RESOLVED that the following amendment to Regulations Part 5 – Conformation Show be endorsed:

Definitions

Insert new

- 1.1.9 Fast & Furious – A Championship Show which is conducted in accordance with Section 7 and 8 of the regulations with capped numbers. The maximum number of Fast and Furious Events/Weekends/Shows to be conducted by each member body shall be ** per calendar year

Currently reads:

- 1.2.3 Mandatory Classes - at all Conformation Shows (Excluding CACIB), Baby Puppy, Puppy and Open.

Amend to read:

- 1.2.3 Mandatory Classes - at all Conformation Shows (Excluding CACIB), Puppy and Open.

Currently reads:

- 7.1.7 General Specials - [NOTE: Where an affiliate is conducting more than one show on the same day and General Specials are not to be offered, it may only be at on the last show on that day.

Amend to read:

- 7.1.7 General Specials - [NOTE: Where an affiliate is conducting more than one show on the same day and General Specials are not to be offered, it may only be at on the last show on that day. (Excluding Fast and Furious events)].

Currently reads:

- 8.3.7 General Specials - is to be offered at all Alternative in-Group and in-Show Placing System Championship Shows.

Amend to read:

- 8.3.7 General Specials - is to be offered at all Alternative in-Group and in-Show Placing System Championship Shows (Excluding Fast and Furious events)].

These amendments will be effective from 1 January 2027.

2. Bullmastiff Survey - Endorsement

It was RESOLVED that the Bullmastiff survey results be endorsed and for the following limitation to be added to the current Bullmastiff Litter Registration Limitations and to apply for all litters born after 1 July 2026.

1. A Bullmastiff male may NOT be used at stud before the age of 12 months is reached. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will not be registered.
2. Semen can be collected over 9 months of age but cannot be used until the dog is over 12 months of age and had the relevant health testing requirements for that breed.

* Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 8.14 will be updated accordingly.

3. Junior Class

It was RESOLVED that effective from 1 January 2027 Dogs Australia allow for Junior Class to be awarded in group and in show level at Group 1-4 Shows.

4. * Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration: Amendment

It was RESOLVED that Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration, Clause 6.9 Registration of Associate Dogs be amended as follows:

Current reads:

6.9 Registration of Associate Dogs – on Associate Register (10/07, 7.11) (Amended 10/10, 5.11) (Amended 10/19, 6.1)

6.9.1 As from 1 January 2008, it is compulsory PRIOR to the registration of an Associate Dog on the National Database, that the application to register such dog is accompanied by a Sterilisation Certificate or a recognised Animal Register official documentation showing the owner, microchip number and indicating that the dog is desexed.

6.9.2 The dog to be permanently identified (such as Microchip) and the permanent identified number to be recorded on the Sterilisation Certificate.

6.9.3 The breed is to be recorded as 'Associate' with a number assigned by the Dogs Australia Member Body and only the following details are to be recorded on the National Database:

- a. name (one word only).
- d. sex - indicated only as either neutered or spayed.
- e. microchip number.
- f. date of birth (if known).
- g. colour

Note: The breed or cross breed may be recorded in the notes field for further reference.

6.9.4 The Dogs Australia Member Body will produce an Associate Register Certificate for an Associate dog, which indicates the above details.

Amend to read:

6.9 Registration of Associate Dogs – on Associate Register (10/07, 7.11) (Amended 10/10, 5.11) (Amended 10/19, 6.1)

6.9.1 Effective from 1 January 2027 it is compulsory PRIOR to the registration of an Associate Dog on the National Database, that the application to register such dog is accompanied by a Sterilisation Certificate or a recognised Animal Register official document confirming the dog is neutered, or where the dog is being registered through an Dogs Australia recognised Kindred body, a letter of authenticity, issued by the recognised body detailing the dog's reproductive status.

6.9.2 Any person registering an entire dog on the Associate Register must be a full member of the member body in which they reside.

6.9.3 The dog to be permanently identified by Microchip and the permanent identified number to be recorded on the documentation as provided at 6.9.1.

6.9.4 The Breed is to be recorded as 'Associate' with a (AR) number assigned by the Dogs Australia Member Body and only the following details are to be recorded on the National Database:

- a. Name (to conform to Dogs Australia regulations). Where there is an Dogs Australia registered prefix it is to be included as part of the name.
- b. sex - indicated only as either Dog, Bitch or Neutered.

- c. microchip number.
- d. date of birth (or approximate).
- e. colour.
- f. Breeder (if known).
- g. Current owners name and address.

Note: The suspected breed or cross breed may be recorded in the notes field for further reference.

- 6.9.5 The Dogs Australia Member Body will produce an Associate Register Certificate for an Associate dog, which indicates the above details.
- 6.9.6 A litter born to both the Sire and Dam on the Associate Register may be registered on the Associate register where the owner has a registered prefix with the Dogs Australia and is a current financial member of a Dogs Australia Member body.
- 6.9.7 To be recognised as a Kindred Body the entity must make application to Dogs Australia for recognition. The application must stipulate the activities conducted by the entity, time in existence, number of members and dogs registered to them and why they are making application to be associated with Dogs Australia. The Dogs Australia Board of Directors is to assess the application at the next available board meeting and notify the entity as soon as possible after the meeting.

5. * Regulations Part 8 – Member Bodies & Membership, Clause 4.5: Amendment

It was RESOLVED that effective after ratification of the minutes of the February 2026 Special Board meeting, Dogs Australia Regulations Part 8: Member Bodies & Membership, Clause 4.5, which reads as follows:-

- 4.5 Any suspension of membership placed on any member of a Member Body shall be upheld by all other Member Bodies.

Amend to read:

- 4.5 Any suspension and/or termination of membership placed on any member of a Member Body shall be upheld by all other Member Bodies.

6. Rename Bale Hunt to Bale Seek

It was RESOLVED that Dogs Australia rename the adopted discipline Bale Hunt to Bale Seek.

7. Australian Representative at the World Dog Show

It was RESOLVED that the dog or bitch that is selected to represent Australia at the world dog show be an animal that is bred in Australia. This requirement will start with the dog selected as Australia's representative for the 2027 world dog show.

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

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