

<p style="text-align: center;">SUMMARY OF THE ANKC LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD MEETING HELD IN MELBOURNE ON 20TH & 21ST OCTOBER, 2012</p>

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

1. Election of ANKC Ltd Executive

- Mr Hugh Gent OAM was re-elected unopposed as President for a three year term from 20 October 2012;
- Mr Peter Frost was re-elected unopposed as Vice President for a one year term from 20 October 2012; and
- Mr David Sales was re-elected unopposed as Treasurer for a one year term from 20 October 2012.

At the October 2012 ANKC Ltd Board meeting, Directors resolved / considered the following:

2. First Level Inbreeding

It was resolved that ANKC Ltd standardises the approach to first level inbreeding by implementing the following protocols:

- Applications should be made prior to the mating to the relevant ANKC Ltd Member Body;
- Grounds for the mating should include details of the dogs to be mated and relevant health test results;
- Desired outcomes for the mating.

3. National Breed Council Affiliation Fees

It was resolved to reduce the annual affiliation fee by 38% effective from 1 January 2013.

4. ANKC Ltd Standardised Certificates & Qualification Cards

It was resolved that ANKC Ltd standardised certificates and qualification cards be introduced subject to final amendments being approved and after existing stocks had been exhausted.

5. Change to Email Alert sent to Australian Judges

It was resolved that the existing email alert which is sent to all relevant Australian Judges when a breed standard is amended will be altered to include the sections in the standard which have been amended.

6. Moratorium - Anatolian Shepherd Dog / Kangal Dog

It was resolved that ANKC Ltd place a moratorium for a period of five (5) years on the Anatolian Shepherd Dog / Kangal Dog issue, where all Kangal Dogs on the national database have been changed to Anatolian Shepherd Dogs.

7. Breed Standard Sketches on ANKC Ltd Website

It was resolved for the existing breed standard sketches on the ANKC Ltd website to be replaced with illustrations which will be sourced from National Breed Councils and where there is no National Breed Council, the National Breed Standards Coordination Group will source the illustrations.

8. Akita (Japanese)

It was resolved that:

- The Akita (Japanese) be accepted as a recognised breed and accepted onto the Main Register immediately and will be eligible to be shown under Group 6 (Utility) effective from 1 January, 2013.
- Existing Akita's will retain the name 'Akita'
- ANKC Regulations Part 6 will be amended by adding a new Clause 3.16 to acknowledge that FCI registered Akita's will be registered in Australia as 'Akita (Japanese)' and FCI registered American Akita's will be registered as 'Akita'.

9. Russian Toy (Russkiy Toy)

It was resolved that:

- The Russian Toy (Russkiy Toy) be accepted as a recognised breed and accepted onto the Main Register immediately and will be eligible to be shown under Group 1 (Toy) effective from 1 January, 2013.

10. Belgian Shepherd Inter-variety breeding

It was resolved that the policy on Belgian Shepherd inter-variety breeding be amended to:

"The ANKC Ltd permits interbreeding between varieties of Belgian Shepherds when needed for promoting health and genetic diversity (in accordance with FCI General Assembly 2011) – avoiding breeding long coated to wire coated or risk of untypical coat texture.

Breeding combinations permitted:

1. Groenendael x Tervueren
2. Tervueren x Malinois
3. Laekenois x Malinois

The progeny of the inter-variety mating is registered in the ANKC Stud Book, each puppy according to its variety."

11. Bull Terrier & Bull Terrier Mating - Extension

It was resolved that the current inter variety mating between the Bull Terrier and the Miniature Bull Terrier which is due to expire 31 December, 2013, be extended for a further five (5) years, and expire 31 December, 2018.

12. Integration of locally bred non ANKC Ltd and ANKC Ltd White (German) Shepherd Dogs into the ANKC Ltd White Swiss Shepherd Dog breed pool

It was resolved that ANKC Ltd conduct a survey, in accordance with ANKC Ltd Policy, with owners of White Swiss Shepherd Dogs to ascertain their views on the integration of locally bred non ANKC Ltd and ANKC Ltd White (German) Shepherd Dogs into the ANKC Ltd White Swiss Shepherd Dog breed pool.

13. Earth Dog Rules - Amendment

It was resolved that Rule 3.3 be amended to read as follows:

3.3. Novice Earthdog Class and Title (NE) (excerpt from) Upon completion of these requirements, an ANKC Ltd Novice Earthdog (NE) certificate will be issued to the owner and the dog shall be identified as a Novice Earthdog in all official ANKC Ltd records by the suffix title (NE), **which shall supercede the EIC title**. A dog that has been recorded as a Novice Earthdog may continue to enter the Novice Earthdog test, but no further Novice Earthdog certificates will be issued.

14. Rally Obedience Rules - Amendment

It was resolved that the Honor Exercise in the existing rules be amended to:

"An Honor Exercise must be included in the Rally Excellent Class. Prior to each class, the Judge will designate either the sit or the down for the Honor Exercise as well as the placement in the ring. **THE HANDLER WILL STAND FACING THE DOG**. The Honor Exercise must not be in the path of the dog and Handler team that follows. Volunteer dogs will be used for both Honoring the first dog in the class and as a course run - through when the last dog performs the Honor Exercise.

After completing the course, each dog and Handler team may either re-enter through the finish gate, or they may proceed directly to the Honor Station.

The dog must remain in the designated position to Honor the next team's entire course. This exercise must be performed on lead. For the Honor Exercise the Honor Steward will monitor each team, record the score and immediately report it to the Table Steward."

15. * ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 2 - Amendment
It was resolved to amend Clause 3.3 in Regulations Part 2.
16. * ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 3 - Amendment
A complete review of Regulations Part 3 has been conducted and endorsed.
17. * ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 5 - Amendment
It was resolved to amend Section 8 in Regulations Part 5.
18. * ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 - Amendments
It was resolved to amend / add the following sections / clauses in Regulations Part 6:
- Amend Section 3, Clauses 3.6 to 3.9 with subsequent Clauses to be renumbered accordingly;
 - New Clause 3.16;
 - Amend Clause 9.4.3.
19. * ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 10 - Amendment
It was resolved to delete Clause 5 in its entirety in Regulations Part 10.
20. * ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 13 - Amendment
It was resolved to amend Clause 4.2.3 in Regulations Part 13.
21. * ANKC Ltd Committees / Working Parties
It was resolved to appoint a National Magazine Committee to manage progress with the concept of a national magazine to be chaired by Mrs Ulla Greenwood.
- * Amended / Updated regulations, publications and listings will be made available from the ANKC Ltd website.

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