



By-Law – Dog Register Rules

1. General

- 1.1. Murray River Retrievers can only be registered in the name of, and by current members and associate members of the Murray River Retriever Association
- 1.2. Any member, while under suspension, will have any applications for registration currently being processed, or any subsequently submitted, held until the suspension is lifted
- 1.3. Recognised Breeders are required to register every litter, which includes Puppy Owner Associate memberships for purchasers of their dogs and dog registrations.
- 1.4. Recognised Breeders of the Association will conduct themselves and their Kennels with decorum and will not bring disrepute to the Association by way of their actions or verbally

2. Prefixes

- 2.1. The Registrar shall keep and maintain a register of prefixes.
- 2.2. A Recognised Breeder should register a prefix. If no prefix is selected, the breeder's surname will become the default prefix. The Registrar may decline to accept a prefix for registration if it too closely resembles another prefix or is misleading, unsuitable or objectionable. Each membership may only register one prefix
- 2.3. A registered prefix shall only be transferred with the consent of the committee and of the registered owner.

3. Litter Notification

All Recognised Breeders are required to register all litters using the litter notification form within 4 weeks of whelping and paying the advised fee.
Litter notifications shall be accompanied by a stud service certificate which lists details of the sire and date of serving, signed by the owners of the sire.

Recognised Breeders are required to submit a puppy transfer form to advise the names of each dog to be used on the Register along with microchip numbers and the details of new owners to complete the dog registration process for puppies. Registration certificates will be issued to the new owner after these details are received and processing completed. This must be completed by 12 weeks post whelping.

Litter notification without new owner details being supplied immediately after sale does not constitute entry to the register.

4. Dog Names

Each animal submitted for individual registration must be named, and such name must not exceed two words in addition to the breeder's stud prefix, which must be used.

A Name may not be registered if:

- 4.1. It is the same name as the prefix of another registered dog or

- 4.2. It has a name so similar to that of another registered dog, which in the opinion of the Registrar would be likely to mislead or confuse.
- 4.3. another breeder's prefix is used
- 4.4. It is the breeder's prefix followed by 'Girl' or 'Boy', 'Female' or 'Male'

When a name is not acceptable, and the owner of a dog does not choose another name when requested to do so, the Registrar may name the dog.

Any dog's name supplied as historical information as parents, grandparents etc. but not known to be registered dogs, will be entered as ancestors in the register with the owner's surname as prefix unless the breeder is known.

A name may be reused 15 years following the death of the original bearer of the name, numbered sequentially starting at II.

If given permission by the breeder, the owner of a dog included in a notified litter may subsequently change the name of the registered the dog up to 12 weeks of age, provided that the breeder's stud prefix remains the same. The breeder of an animal is the owner of its dam at the date of its birth.

5. The Register

The Registrar will record Murray River Retrievers submitted for registration in one of 5 parts of the register.

5.1. Stud Book

Eligible dogs shall have 5 generations of registered pedigree and be named with a registered prefix.

5.2. Section A:

Eligible dogs must have 2 generations of registered or verified pedigree for each parent and be named with a registered prefix.

The offspring of a mating of 2 section A dogs will be eligible for ANKC registration subject to additional requirements outlined in the ANKC registration section of these by-laws.

5.3. Section B:

Eligible dogs must have at least 1 generation of registered or verified pedigree for each parent. The Registrar may accept the results of DNA parental testing as conclusive evidence of parentage for the purposes of registration into Section B.

Dogs bred by an unrecognised breeder of the MRRA after 31 May 2023 or from parents who were unregistered at the time of whelping will only be eligible for Section B.

5.4. Section C:

Eligible dogs must have one or more generations of pedigree on one parental side but may have no registered or verified pedigree for the other parent. The dog must show strong MRR influence. This section is to facilitate breeders intending to breed Section C dogs toward a pure MRR line. This is not for perpetuating any cross bred line.

5.5. Section P:

For dogs registered as pets only – they are not to be bred with. No offspring will be eligible to be registered.

Recognised Breeders should use their discretion and register pups in this section if

there are any health concerns, eg. hereditary hernia or has an Affected result for any DNA tested disease.

Moving dogs between sections

Upgrading a dog: As the MRRA is currently a Breed under development, if dog is designated in section A, B, C or P due to incomplete history or health reports, the Registrar may upgrade the dog to a higher level if additional information is received and able to be verified. For section C dogs, a clear photo taken photos both portrait and the profile, must be supplied with all adult requests for upgrade.

Downgrading a dog: A dog may be transferred from its existing register section to section P if the owner notifies the Registrar that the dog has been neutered; the Registrar determines the dog is not of desirable type; any particulars of a material nature furnished in the application for registration are incorrect; or the Registrar determines it is in the interest of the breed not to be bred with.

The pairings table at the end of this bylaw may be used as a reference to show how offsprings of paired dogs will be recognised.

6. ANKC Eligible Registration

General members, Life members or Junior Associates may request ANKC transfer if the following conditions are met:

- 6.1. Eligible dogs must have 3 complete parental generations registered on the MRRA Register and have been registered by a Recognised Breeder (formerly Breeder Member). Dogs who have not been bred and litter registered by Recognised Breeder will be required to provide DNA proof of parentage.
- 6.2. Both parents must be DNA health tested including the CCDY/IVDD testing and results provided to the Association or if no results are available for the parents, then the dog must be health tested and the report provided to the Association. If both parents test as being Carriers of a disease, the dog will also need to be health tested.
- 6.3. Any dog with a DNA result of Affected for any disease will only be eligible with a footnote of "Not to be Bred with".

On satisfactorily meeting the above criteria and provision of the required testing results, the Registrar will issue an ANKC approved registration certificate for the dog and a letter of approval to the ANKC for the transfer of the dog to the ANKC register.

7. Breeding by Artificial Insemination

The registration of a dog bred by Artificial Insemination (AI) shall for the purposes of registration be treated as a Normal mating providing both the sire and dam are registered with the Association; and the owner of the sire has signed a stud service certificate, sire and dam are DNA verified and resultant puppies are DNA parent verified.

8. Transfer of Ownership

An application for the transfer of ownership of a registered dog shall be made on the appropriated form and accompanied by confirmation of transfer of the microchip registry entry

The Registrar may approve or disallow the transfer depending on the facts.

9. Breeding Responsibilities

- 9.1. Members intending to breed must apply for Recognised Breeder status before joining of the Dam and Sire
- 9.2. Breeding should be primarily for the purpose of improving the quality and/or working ability of dogs and undertaken with reference to the ANKC breed standard
- 9.3. No bitch should be bred earlier than 12 months of age or later than 8 years of age
- 9.4. Members shall ensure that all DNA health testing has been completed prior to mating and provide the results to the Registrar.
- 9.5. No bitch will be intentionally bred more than once in a 12 month period.
- 9.6. A member shall keep proper records of their breeding activities as required by their state or ANKC member body requirements and supply details to the MRRA upon request.
- 9.7. Members should follow ANKC and their own State breeding codes.
- 9.8. Members are recommended not to breed excessive numbers of litters and responsibility for finding good homes for puppies' rests solely with the breeder.

10. Recognised Breeder website profile

Breeders may have a profile or listing on the MRRA website to inform and assist potential buyers and advise when they have litters upcoming. Litter availability will be updated upon receipt of the litter registration.

The Association in no way endorses those potential purchasers that are supplied details of potential litters or puppies.

The Association is in no way obliged to sell dogs or puppies on behalf of breeders and is not obliged to provide details of particular breeders/litters to any or all enquirers.

11. Pairings table - Offspring Classification

Dam	Stud Book	Section A	Section B	Section C
Sire				
Stud Book	Stud + ANKC Eligible (STC)	ANKC Eligible (STC)	Section A	Section B
Section A	Section A* + ANKC Eligible (STC)	Section A* + ANKC Eligible (STC)	Section A	Section B
Section B	Section A	Section A	Section A	Section B
Section C	Section B	Section B	Section B	Section B

(STC) = subject to criteria

* = If the Section A Sire and Dam both have 4 Generations then the offspring are eligible for Stud book.

No person shall be entitled to make application for any particulars from the Register unless they are a financial member of the Association.

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