



Australian National Kennel Council Limited ABN 77 151 544 679 trading as Dogs Australia

PRESS RELEASE – SURVEY RESULTS AFGHAN HOUND

Minimum Breeding Age for Afghan Hound Bitches

As contemplated in Dogs Australia Regulations Part 6 - The Register and Registration Section 13 Conduct of Surveys, the Board of Directors resolved to conduct a survey to gauge members opinion on the minimum breeding age for Afghan Hound bitches, as the survey was breed related voting was limited to:

- voting current members of a Dogs Australia Member Body.
- who have held full continuous membership for the previous two years prior to the release of the survey. and
- currently own or have owned a Main Registered dog in the specific breed.

In accordance with Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 13.3 the survey was electronic, conducted by Vero Voting independently of the Dogs Australia Administration.

The question asked: In your opinion should the minimum age for Afghan Hound bitches be 24 months at the time of breeding (*unless a veterinary certificate is produced stating that for health reasons the bitch should be mated before 24 months*).

RESULT

Ballot Papers sent out	175	YES 47	26.9%	NO 13	7.4%	NO RESPONSE 115	65.7%
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As a result of this vote, Regulations Part 6 – The Register & Registration Clause 8.16 which was suspended in June 2022 will be reinstated.

8.16 Afghan Hound (Reinstated 10/23 – effective 08/01/24) The Minimum Breeding Age for Afghan bitches is 24 months at the time of mating (unless a veterinary certificate is produced stating that for health reasons the bitch should be mated before 24 months). Breeders of litters whelped on or after 8 January 2024 will be required to comply with the requirements as a prerequisite to registration of any litter on the Dogs Australia Main Register. Litters which do not meet the above requirements will only be able to be placed on the Limited Register and will be flagged not to be upgraded.

Vero Voting Independence Declaration

The Minimum Breeding Age for Afghan Hounds has been managed and declared independent of Dogs Australia.

The vote result has been audited and the declared result is assured.

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