

Application for a breeders licence cont.

Do you currently have four or more animals on your premises?

Yes: No:

If yes, do you currently hold a licence to keep 4 or more animals?

Yes: No:

If yes, please provide details below:

name (if different from above):

Licence no.

If no, you will need to apply for a licence through Domestic Animal Services (DAS).

Have you had any conviction or finding of guilt within the last 10 years against a law of any State or Territory for an offence relating to the welfare, keeping or control of an animal?

Yes: No:

If yes, please attach relevant information.

I certify that the information provided is true and correct:

signature of applicant:

date

Please note: Giving false or misleading information is an offence against the Criminal Code, s338.

Complete and return to:

Domestic Animal Services
GPO Box 158
CANNBERRA CITY ACT 2601
Tel: 13 22 81
Fax: 02 6207 2252



Licence for breeding female cats and dogs



New legislation regulating the breeding of cats and dogs commenced in the ACT on 15 September 2015.

The *Domestic Animals Act 2000* and the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* regulate the breeding of female cats and dogs in the ACT.

From 15 September 2015 both Acts were amended so that individuals, or businesses, who intend to breed female cats or dogs are now required to have a breeder's licence, under section 72A of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*.

All breeders must also comply with the breeding standard under section 15B of the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*.

The *Domestic Animals Act 2000* embodies the community's expectations of responsible dog ownership in the ACT.

Domestic Animal Services (DAS) has responsibility for enforcing the Act and its regulations.

Licence for breeding female cats and dogs

Who does the new breeding legislation apply to?

The new legislation applies to any person who breeds from a female cat or dog in the ACT. Stricter conditions apply to people who breed female cats or dogs with the intention of making a profit or commercial gain.

Do I need a breeding licence per animal?

One breeding licence will be required per breeder, rather than a licence per breeding animal.

Do I need to let people know I'm a registered breeder?

When you receive your licence it will contain a breeding licence number. As a breeder you will be required to display your breeding licence number in any advertisements for the sale of puppies and kittens that have been bred. Penalties of up to \$1500 apply if the licence number is not included in an advertisement.



Puppies for sale
Wormed and vaccinated
Full papers
Call xxxxxxxxxx
Breeder's licence number 0001415

How long until I need a licence?

From 15 September 2015 all breeders will require a breeding licence. Given the legislation is new, breeders will be given until 8 January 2016 to obtain a licence.

Is this licence a burden on legitimate breeders who are doing the right thing?

No. The legislation and associated breeding standard have been designed to protect legitimate breeders as there are strict penalties for those people who breed for commercial gain where the welfare of the animal is compromised. The breeding standard has minimum standards that legitimate breeders are currently applying so it won't impose an additional burden on those already doing the right thing.

What is the cost for a breeding licence?

At the moment, there is no cost associated with obtaining a breeding licence.

Further information

For information on how to apply for a licence, please visit www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets or contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

L I C E N C E E S S E N T I A L S

What will be considered when applying for a breeding licence?

In accordance with section 72B(3) of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* the following information will be considered as part of an application for a licence.

- the number and kind of animals kept by the applicant at the premises to which the application relates;
- the size and nature of the premises to which the application relates;
- the suitability of facilities on the premises for keeping and breeding dogs or cats;
- the potential impact on the occupiers of neighbouring premises;
- whether the applicant is a member of a recognised breeding organisation; and
- whether the applicant has had any offences under the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* or *Domestic Animals Act 2000*, in the last 10 years.

Whilst information may be sought from applicants to assist with the consideration of any application, please provide any information which may be relevant.

NOTE

As part of the consideration of any application, staff from Domestic Animal Services (DAS) may conduct an inspection of the premises at which the breeding is to take place.

Desexing

In the ACT desexing is mandatory for all dogs and cats over 6 months of age under section 75 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*.

As a breeder, you can apply for a 'Sexually entire permit' for the purposes of breeding. Before lodging an application for a breeding licence, individuals, or businesses **must hold** a permit to keep an animal that is not desexed. If however you do not currently hold such a permit, you will need to apply for one through the Domestic Animal Services (DAS).

What's a breeding standard and can I get a copy?

The Breeding Standard sets the minimum standards that all breeders need to comply with under the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*. It sets conditions on the timeframe between mating periods, maximum number of litters and does not allow breeding from animals with genetic deficiencies. The Breeding Standard is available from the TAMS website:

www.tams.act.gov.au/city-services/pets.

Keeping four or more animals.

Individuals, or business, who will have 4 or more animals on their premises, must hold a licence under section 18 (dog) or section 84A (cat) of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000*. If a licence is not currently held, one can be applied for through Domestic Animal Services (DAS).

Are there any penalties for not having a licence?

Penalties can range from \$1,500 for not including a breeder's licence number in a "for sale" advertisement to \$7,500 for breeding an animal for profit without holding a licence.

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Please complete and submit this form.

BREEDER'S DETAILS

name
address
suburb postcode
phone
email

Do you intend to breed cats or dogs?

Cats: Dogs:

Do you belong to a recognised breeding organisation?

Yes: No:

If yes, please provide details below:

name of organisation
membership no.

Do you currently hold a permit to keep an animal that is not desexed?

Yes: No:

If yes, please provide details below:

name (if different from above):
Licence no.

If no, you will need to apply for a permit through Domestic Animal Services.

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