



Notice to all breeders

Victorian Canine Association Inc
trading as DOGS Victoria

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Re: PROTOCOL FOR DNA TESTING OF DOGS

Recently DOGS Victoria submitted to the ANKC a request for specific protocols to be in place to assure the authenticity of DNA test results.

A meeting of the ANKC Canine Health Committee in March 2010 will consider the recommendation from DOGS Victoria that, as part of the protocols for DNA testing, dogs must be positively identified and also that samples must be independently collected, either by a vet or an authorised collector, who must not be a person that has any connection with the dog.

Members may be aware that some DNA testing businesses do not require positive identification of the dog being tested, nor do they require independent collection of samples for testing.

Members are advised to consider that if the ANKC approves the intended protocol for independent collection and positive identification, all test results must conform to this requirement. This notification is provided so that breeders avoid paying for tests that may not be admissible in the future, simply because they were not aware of the required protocols.

This requirement does not discriminate against any testing company; it simply defines the process for collection and identification. The positive identification requirements have been recognised and adhered to in past testing protocols (ANKC Regulation 6, section 2.2.2).

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