

# NATIONAL ROTTWEILER COUNCIL (AUSTRALIA)



## BREED SURVEY PROGRAM

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## Terms and abbreviations used

- **Dog** - relates to both male and female unless specifically stated otherwise
- **HD** - relates to Hip Dysplasia and the relevant Scheme
- **ED** - relates to Elbow Disease and the relevant Scheme (where appropriate)
- **ANKC** - Australian National Kennel Control
- **NRCA** - National Rottweiler Council (Australia)
- **Breed Standard** – FCI Standard No 147

## 1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote and offer guidance for the development of the Rottweiler so as to achieve uniform compliance to the FCI Breed Standard as well as the continued education of owners, breeders, and the general public.

This should be done in a way that achieves a balance between this primary aim and the participation by as many breeders and owners as possible, with the long-term goal being that all Rottweilers should be surveyed before being bred with.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- The dog shall at the date of the Survey, have attained the age of no less than eighteen (18) months and be no older than eight (8) years.
- The dog must be registered with ANKC and be issued with main register paperwork.
- The dog must be identifiable by either a tattoo or microchip. Where the judge elects to split the Breed Survey process, where the measuring and critiquing phase is separated from the temperament assessment, then each of the dogs must be positively re-identified at the commencement of the temperament test. (4/2002)
- The dog is to be sound and in a healthy physical state and be of good temperament.

## 3. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- Original registration certificate, which is to be verified against the entry details.
- NRC (A) original HD grading form which must bear the required identification requirements. (10/2004)
- NRC (A) original ED grading form which must bear the required identification requirements. (10/2004)
- NRC (A) original Eye and Mouth certificate. (10/2004)
- Original certificates detailing conformation and or working titles.
- Original documentation signed by a veterinarian confirming accidental damage to the dog. Loss of teeth through accident or mechanical means provided that it is attested to by the NRC(A) Breed Registrar certificate shall be counted as if they are present.
- Copies of documentation are to be attested as true and correct by a Justice of the Peace.

**Note:** Scores that have been previously accepted into the NRC(A) scheme and are recorded in the NRC(A) HD register will be accepted for the NRC(A) Breed Surveys. Confirmation must be provided in writing by the NRC(A) Breed Recorder. (10/2004)

## **4. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

- An up to date copy of the FCI Breed Standard, Breed Survey paperwork, pens, etc
- An approved eye-grading device
- An approved metric measuring stick
- An approved metric head gauge
- A metric cloth measuring tape
- A starting pistol (6-9 mm) and blanks
- Metric weighing scales certified as accurate
- Desk and chairs
- A computer and printer and or typewriter
- A ring steward
- A helper/Assistant
- Sufficient numbers for a crowd (6-8)
- Tattoo register and Microchip Scanner
- Appropriate grounds with sufficient space and level ground to complete the survey. The grounds are also to be free from any matter or object that may be detrimental to the performance of the dog.
- A set of numbered bibs or lapel cards

**It is the responsibility of the club holding the Breed Survey to have the equipment and the grounds available on the day of the Survey.**

## **5. NUMBER OF DOGS AND JUDGING ORDER**

- 5.1. The maximum number of dogs to be surveyed by any one Surveyor in one day is 20.
- 5.2. The order of surveying will be males then females. If the Survey is conducted over 2 days then males are to be surveyed on the first day.
- 5.3. Bitches in oestrus may participate, but only after all other dogs have been surveyed. It is recommended that bitches in oestrus not be presented for Breed Survey.

## **6. NRC(A) ADMINISTRATION**

The NRC(A) Breed Survey Registrar

- 6.1 Shall be responsible for the granting of approval of the nominated Breed Surveyor upon application by the member club wishing to hold the Survey.

Application for approval is to be lodged with the NRC(A) Breed Survey Registrar in sufficient time for the Registrar to check that the Judge has the necessary experience and personal qualifications to be able to officiate at a NRC(A) Breed Survey. This approval must be gained at least three (3) months before a Breed Survey as the Survey must be advertised in the show schedule lodged with the State Canine Body and advertised to all Member Clubs. (06/2012).

- 6.2 Shall be responsible for the coordination of the NRC(A) Breed Survey Program, and is to liaise with the individual member clubs in all matters dealing with Breed Survey.
- 6.3 Shall recommend to the NRC(A) Executive and member clubs a levy that is to be applied to each entrant of the Breed Survey. The proposed levy is to adequately cover the administration costs and printing of the year book that will be incurred.
- 6.4 Shall have the responsibility for the issuing, checking, and filing of all of the Breed Survey forms and certificates.
- 6.5 Shall attend all NRC(A) meetings and is to provide reports and financial statements as required by the NRC(A) executive and or the member clubs.
- 6.6 Shall collate all relevant material to enable the publishing of an annual Breed Survey book.
- 6.7 Shall be responsible for the publishing of the annual Breed Survey book and will recommend the retail price to the NRC(A) Executive. Yearbooks will then be available for sale to the general public and the member breed clubs. Photographs of any dog may be included, however, this will be at the owner's expense following approval by the Registrar.

## **7. STATE BREED CLUB ADMINISTRATION**

### The State Breed Survey Registrar

- 7.1 Shall ensure that approval is sought and received from the NRC(A) Breed Survey Registrar within the time frames as detailed in 6.1.
- 7.2 Shall ensure that there is at least three (3) month's notice of the intention to hold a Breed Survey. The notice is to be published in the State Canine Control publication and all State club magazines. Closing dates are to be advised within the notice by each member club.
- 7.3 Shall ensure that all information is transposed to the Breed Survey documentation prior to

commencement of the Survey, and that the member club Breed Survey register is maintained.

- 7.4 Shall ensure that all information provided at the time of entry is cross-checked against the originals supplied on the day of the Survey. Breed Survey paperwork to be signed off prior to commencement of the Survey.
- 7.5 Shall ensure that copies of the completed Survey forms are sent to the NRC(A) Breed Survey Registrar within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the Survey.
- 7.6 Shall recommend to the member club holding the Breed Survey the fees to be charged for entry to the Breed Survey. Said fees are to include the NRC(A) levy.

## **8. THE SURVEY**

### **8.1. Classifications**

#### **Pass - Suitable for breeding**

Allocated to all dogs that pass all areas of the Breed Survey. A dog that receives a **PASS** rating is not permitted to present at future Breed Surveys. Where this has occurred in the past, it is only the first pass that is recognised. (10/2004)

#### **Fail – Not suitable for breeding**

Allocated to dogs that possesses a breed disqualifying fault or who are assessed as having an unacceptable temperament. A dog that receives a **FAIL** rating is not permitted to present at future Breed Surveys. (10/2004)

#### **Re-present**

Dogs may re-present on 2 more occasions.

Allocated to those dogs that are eligible for re-presenting. A dog that cannot complete a Breed Survey following the two re-presents is deemed to have failed the Breed Survey. (10/2004)

### **8.2. Anatomical Construction**

- 8.2.1. Each dog is to be presented individually and positively identified.
- 8.2.2. The dog will then be weighed, measured, eye colour assessed, teeth and bite examined. The results are to be immediately transcribed onto the Survey form by the officiating Surveyor.
- 8.2.3. The officiating Surveyor will then complete a written critique on the general appearance, attitude, constitution, conformation, movement, and fitness levels of

the dog. The grading of the dog being surveyed has been removed from the Breed Survey format. (10/2004)

8.2.4 Double handling will be permitted, however, the Surveyor may stop the practice if in their opinion, the practice is hazardous or unruly.

### 8.3 Character and Temperament Assessment

**Refer to identification requirement if the Breed Survey process has been split (4/2002)**

If a dog shows/presents any unprovoked aggression towards any person or persons, or attempts to or bites any person the dog will automatically receive a **FAIL** rating and will take no further part in the Breed Survey. Note: this is applicable at any time throughout the Breed Survey test. (10/2004)

#### 8.3.1. **The Gun Test (Reaction to loud and sudden noises)**

Each dog is to be brought into the assessment area individually wherein the handler will be asked to heel their dog on a loose lead towards a crowd of 6 people. As the dog and handler approach the crowd, the Surveyor/Steward will fire two (2) shots in succession at a distance of not less than ten (10) metres from the dog.

The dog is allowed to be startled by the noise but must quickly recover and must continue heeling with the handler.

The dog is not allowed to show signs of fear or nervousness. The Surveyor may if deemed necessary, request that more shots be fired.



The dog's reaction to the sudden noise is to be documented on the Survey form by the Surveyor.

### 8.3.2. The Crowd Test

The dog and handler are to proceed through the crowd (10-15 persons), which is milling about and then both the handler and dog are to stop in the middle of the crowd at which time the dog is instructed to sit. The crowd will then form a large circle around the dog and handler, then move in on the handler and dog at a rapid pace, and completely surrounds them. (10/2000)

If a dog shows/presents any unprovoked aggression towards any person or persons, or attempts to or bites any person the dog will automatically receive a FAIL rating and will take no further part in the Breed Survey. Note: this is applicable at any time throughout the Breed Survey test. (10/2004)

Upon instruction from the Surveyor, the crowd will then move away from the dog and handler. A further request will be made by the Surveyor for the crowd to move in and surround both the dog and handler a second time. Finally, the Surveyor will instruct the crowd to move away from the dog and handler who will then heel away from the crowd.



The dog shall not show signs of aggression or nervousness. Natural curiosity, sniffing, etc. is permitted.

The Surveyor will document the dog's reaction to this pressure situation on the Survey form.



### **8.3.5. Character and Temperament Assessment**

At the completion of the crowd exercise, the handler will walk with his dog to a predetermined spot, approximately twenty (20) metres from a hiding place. The handler will be required to remain stationary and allow the dog freedom of movement to the extent of the lead. On the Surveyor's signal, a helper will emerge and challenge the handler. After allowing reaction time for the dog, the helper will run diagonally across and stop in a position approximately fifteen (15) metres away and challenge the handler a second time. From this position the helper will run diagonally and stop approximately ten (10) metres away and challenge again.

The helper will then continue directly toward the handler and dog in a threatening manner to a distance of a minimum three to five (3-5) metres, or until the Surveyor instructs the helper to stop the threat. (10/2000)



As the focus is on the reaction of untrained dogs to this assessment, the dog must not attempt to flee or show signs of fear, nervousness or aggression. A lack of reaction is also considered undesirable.

The dog's reaction to this situation/exercise is to be recorded on the Survey form by the Surveyor.

## **9 THE BREED SURVEYORS**

Initially the Breed Surveyors should be internationally recognised Judges that are qualified to assess the breed suitability of the Rottweiler and/or have FCI recognised conformation and working licenses.

## **10 CONCLUSION OF THE BREED SURVEY**

Upon completion of the Survey it is the State Breed Registrar's responsibility to ensure that all information is transcribed to the Survey Certificate and all results forwarded to the NRCA Breed Registrar within the designated timeframe.

## **11 SUBSCRIBING MEMBER CLUBS**

- Northern Districts Rottweiler Club of New South Wales Inc
- Rottweiler Club of Queensland Inc
- Rottweiler Club of New South Wales Inc
- Rottweiler Club of South Australia Inc
- West Coast Rottweiler Club of Western Australia Inc
- Rottweiler Club of Victoria Inc **(10/2000)**

## **12 BREED SURVEY CERTIFICATE**

Adopted at the October 2000 General Meeting. Copy attached. **(10/2000)**