

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
- **JLPP** relates to Juvenile Laryngeal Paralysis Polyneuropathy
- **ANKC** – Australian National Kennel Control (Dogs Australia)
- **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 microchip at both check-in and as part of the test. **(12/2023)**
- The dog is to be sound and in a healthy physical state and be of good temperament.
- The dog must have a passing NRC(A) or Country of Origin score for HD/ED Eye/Mouth and hold a JLPP Certificate showing Clear or Carrier only. **(12/2023)**
- All documents must be on file with the NRC(A) Breed Recorder at time of entry. **(05/2018)**

## **3. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

- Registration Certificate, which is to be verified (as identical) against the entry details.
- NRC(A) accepted HD grading forms which must bear the required identification requirements. **(12/2023)**
- NRC(A) accepted ED grading forms which must bear the required identification requirements **(12/2023)**
- NRC(A) Eye and Mouth certificate. **(10/2004)**
- JLPP Certificate **(05/18)**
- 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.

**Note:** Once scanned copies have been confirmed as acceptable by the NRC(A) Breed Recorder, originals will not be required on the day. **(06/2024)**

**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
- A ring steward
- A helper/assistant
- Sufficient numbers to form a crowd – minimum 10 **(06/2024)**
- 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.
- 5.4. Breed Surveys will proceed at the discretion of the Club.

## **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 an 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 that will be incurred for printing and framing of certificates and any ancillary costs. **(12/2023)**
- 6.4. Shall have the responsibility for the filing of all the Breed Survey forms and certificates.
- 6.5. Shall be responsible for the publication of all passes on the NRC(A) website and maintain a register of all passes, fails, represents and withdrawals. **(06/2024)**

## **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) months' notice of the intention to hold a Breed Survey. The notice is to be published in all State club magazines, Facebook pages and on the NRC(A) Facebook site. 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 corresponds with information held by the National Breed Recorder and cross-checked against the database.
- 7.5 Shall ensure that copies of the completed Survey Certificates are sent to the NRC(A) Breed Survey Registrar within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the Survey and NRCA Secretary is provided with results.
- 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.
- 7.7 Extreme Weather Policy to be included with the Schedule outlining details of the Club's decisions on how the event will be managed if being held at grounds other than State Canine Venues. If held at State Canine Venues, then ANKC Policy must be used. **(06/2024)**

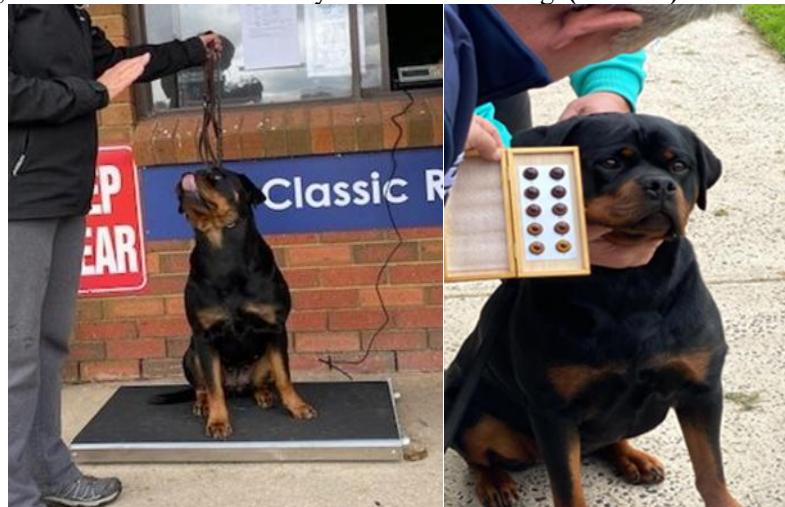
## 8. THE SURVEY

### 8.1. Identity Check-In

Check microchip at this point to confirm it corresponds with entry details. A dog may be withdrawn from this point prior to being presented to the Judge, but on one occasion only, after that it will be a represent. **(06/2024)**

### 8.2. Anatomical Construction

- 8.2.1. Each dog is to be presented individually to the Judge and positively re-identified by microchip against the Certificate ID number. **(06/2024)**
- 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 Critiques from Shows may not be copied and pasted into the Survey Certificate. **(06/2024)**
- 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. The dog may have one handler only during the critique, but a substitute handler may be used for running. **(06/2024)**





### **8.3 Character and Temperament Assessment**

#### **The Breed Survey process shall not be split. 12/2023**

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; the Surveyor/Steward will fire two (2) shots in succession at 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 a crowd (10-12 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 form a large circle around the dog and handler, then move in on the handler and dog at a normal pace, and completely surround them. **(06/2024)**

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 at a rapid pace 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. **(06/2024)**



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.



### **8.3.3. 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 minimum three to five (3-5) metre distance, or until the Surveyor instructs the helper to stop the threat. **(10/2000)**

The dog must not attempt to flee or show signs of fear, nervousness or aggression. **(06/2024)**

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

### **8.3.4 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.

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

Allocated to dogs that possess 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 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)**

#### **Withdrawn**

Allocated to dogs that have been withdrawn by their handler after check-in and prior to the dog being presented to the Judge. Allowable on one occasion only. **(06/2024)**

## **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. It is permitted that Australian Rottweiler Specialty Judges that have completed the Breed Survey training program and assessments and been certified as qualified by the Program Training Director to assess the breed suitability of Rottweilers, be eligible to judge an Australian Breed Survey. **(06/2024)**

**Note:** Judges are not permitted to assess any dog they have bred, own or co-own **(07/2025)**

## **10 CONCLUSIONS 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. A list of results to be sent to the National Council Secretary.

### **10.1 BREED SURVEY CERTIFICATES**

It is the responsibility of the Owner to ensure the accuracy of the Certificate prior to the Judge leaving the grounds. No alterations to Certificates will be permitted after the closing of the Survey.  
**(06/2024)**