



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL LTD POLICY STATEMENT

BREED IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

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Breed improvement schemes aim at reducing the incidence of disease and should be considered thoroughly and then applied with care, always looking to maintain a healthy and diverse gene pool.

ANKC Ltd registered breeders utilise breed improvement schemes to conserve the breed's characteristics and to promote the health, functionality and longevity of dogs.

ANKC Ltd in partnership with the AVA has developed Canine Hip and Elbow Dysplasia Schemes (CHEDS) and Australian Canine Eye Scheme (ACES). In addition ANKC Ltd registered breeders have assisted in the development of various DNA breed specific tests.

Through the Canine Research Foundation (CRF) the ANKC Ltd actively supports and funds scientific research with various Australian Universities for the benefit of all dogs.

ANKC Ltd registered breeders are using all of the above to voluntarily develop litter registration limitations (LRL). The application of LRLs ensures the betterment of the breeds now and into the future. (Current LRLs can be found in Regulations Part 6, Section 8, Clause 8.19).