

FORMERLY THE AUSTRALIAN BULLDOG SOCIETY

## Guidelines to Mating Responsibilities

When seeking compatable mates for your dog male or female there are many things you need to consider BEFORE any attractive member of the opposite sex comes marching to your door!!

This is a world full of misunderstandings and misconceptions — especially between owners all hoping for puppies. To avoid unpleasantness and disappointments, it is vital that there is a written stud service agreement, worded clearly and signed by both parties, each holding a copy. It doesn't matter that you may be great mates and trust each other etc. You should be professional and proficient in your approach to stud use and breeding your bitch. A written contract reflects this.

Always check suitability of lines and ask for a copy of the other dog's pedigree certificate
If you are unsure if the lines are compatable check with the ABS
If the dog you would like to use is registered with another club always check with the ABS if the dog meets ABS
criteria for litter registration

These questions should be asked by the stud dog owner and the owner of the bitch They should be given a great deal of consideration before breeding

What are the hip/elbow scores of each dog?

Are the hip scores of each dog under the ABS requirements for normal litter registration? ie is the combined score of both hips of each dog 40 or under? is each individual hip score of each dog 25 or under? Will the combination score of the pairing be 60 or under?

What are the ellbow scores of each dog? Are the elbow scores of each dog under the ABS requirements for normal litter registration? ie are the elbow scores of each dog 2-2 or less? Is the combination of the pairing 3-3 or less?

It is advisable to ask for copies of the the hip/elbow score report

Does or has the the other dog ever have/had any health issues?

Other questions that should be completely clear between the stud dog owner and the owner of the bitch are

How much is the stud fee?



When is it to be paid?

What if AI (artifical insemination) is needed?

Who pays for Als? How many will be done?

How many times will the dogs be mated?

Is the bitch to be housed by the stud owner for the duration or vice versa?

Does the stud owner have absolutely secure premises for housing a bitch in season or vice versa if the stud dog is being housed at the bitch's premises?

Who is responsible for any vet fees if needed?

How many times is the dog expected to cover the bitch?

What if the bitch doesn't get pregnant?

What if the pups are born dead?

What if there is only one pup or pups that are born alive, but die soon after?

It really is very important that both parties understand all the implications and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities.

Remember also that for a litter to achieve ABS registration, an ABS Stud Service Certificate must be completed by both parties. It is best that this is signed by both parties immediately the mating has been completed. This form can be sent to the Registrar either by owner of female or stud owner, but cannot be altered in any way unless any such alteration is initialled by BOTH parties. A copy is attached here and we suggest you keep several copies for future use.

Any written stud service agreement is an individual thing and each stud owner should write their own, taking into account all of the above points. Just make sure it is clear to all and have it signed BEFORE any mating takes place. A possible draft contract is given below, you can adapt it to your needs if you like. However, it should be noted that the ABS Inc. takes no responsibility for any contract between breeders and this is not a mandatory ABS Inc. form, just a suggested format breeders may like to use.

ABS Inc. Management Committee



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## **Stud Service Agreement**

This	contract entered into on this day / /	
by	and	
is fo	r the stud service of:	
STU	D(Reg. No) over	
BITO	CH(Reg. No)  (Pedigree name)	
The	conditions of the contract are as follows:	
1)	An upfront stud fee of \$ is payable in full prior to the mating.	
2)	If the mating is unsuccessful, the stud fee will be (please circle) a) refunded in full; OR b) a return service will be offered	
	A mating is considered unsuccessful if the bitch does not become pregnant or in the event that a the time of whelping zero puppies are born live. In either of these cases, the owner of the bitch must notify the breeder immediately and provide a vet certificate to that effect.	
3)	If artificial insemination is required in order to ensure conception, the owner of the bitch will be notified. In this circumstance, the cost of AI will be divided equally between the stud owner and the owner of the bitch and is payable on collection of the bitch. This cost is non-refundable.	
4)	The dogs will be mated by natural mating up to a maximum of times or if by AI a maximum of times.	
5)	The bitch can be kenneled at our premises or be delivered each time to be mated. If housed with us any special requirement must be notified to us at least seven days in advance. If housed with us the owner agrees that in the event of the female requiring veterinarian attention for any reason, we are permitted to use our own Vet and the owner of the bitch will bear the cost of any treatment/consultation.	



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## Stud Service Agreement (continued)

Any additional conditions/agreements to be added here in blue or black pen and initialed by both parties:

Stud Owner's Name:
Address:
Phone:
Signature:
I/We, the undersigned owner of the bitch, have read and understood and agree to all terms and conditions set forth in this contract.
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Signature:



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## **Service Certificate**

To be completed by the owner/s of the Sire & Dam at the time of Mating

I/We	
Hereby certify that the bitch	Reg No:
	nme of bitch
•	Reg No:ame of sire
On:	
	Dates of mating
	ng:
-	of mating:
I certify that the male stud dog has two descended t	testes
Artificial Insemination	
If the dogs to which this certificate relates have bee performed the AI to sign the following declaration.	n artificially inseminated, it is necessary for the person who
I	
Certify that I artificially inseminated the above ment	ioned bitch with semen taken from the above mentioned sire
Signature:	Date:
If the semen used was frozen and or imported pleas	e contact the registrar for the appropriate documentation.