



## Pedigree Papers Fact Sheet

### Why does the MDBA have a Stud Registry?

The MDBA has a stud registry because we believe that documenting the ancestry and progeny of dogs is critical to better breeding as it allows our breeders the ability to track genetic health and temperament throughout a dogs' ancestry.

The stud registry enables MDBA breeders to use science rather than luck when breeding our puppies and we like to know without any doubt who your puppy's mother and father, aunties, uncles, brothers, sisters and grandparents are so we have as much information as possible to make the best decisions in our breeding programs.

MDBA breeder members select their breeding dogs with the primary aim of producing healthy puppies with a great temperament and focusing on what is best for their dogs and those they breed. Using the breed standard of their breed is also used to ensure they breed predictable and healthy purebred puppies now and for future generations to come.

As a puppy buyer the registration certificate can be seen as your puppy's birth certificate that shows its family tree.

### What makes MDBA pedigree papers different?

The MDBA pedigree papers are different from other traditional stud registry papers as we show health results and many types of canine achievements as well as your puppy's ancestors.

The MDBA has become increasingly concerned about the general health of dogs and the health and welfare of specific breeds. We will always focus on what's best for dogs and because of this we document health and temperament results on our pedigrees. We believe that by having this transparency it shows the true state of pedigree dogs.

Our pedigrees show any qualifications a dog has including working dog qualifications and the type of work a dog is doing, for example, working with goats or working as an assistance dog.

### When do pet owners get their puppy's pedigree?

You will get your pedigree papers within 6 months of purchasing your puppy. It is not possible for the pedigree papers to be available when your puppy arrives home.

There are a few reasons for this:

- As the microchip information is entered onto the pedigree papers a breeder must wait until their puppies are microchipped before they register their litter with the MDBA.
- As the MDBA requires all the puppies in the litter to be registered at the same time breeders must wait until all of their puppies are sold before registering your puppy. In some cases your puppy could be at your home for a few weeks before the last puppy in the litter is sold.
- Once the MDBA receives the litter registration it generally takes 14 - 21 **working** days to process and sometimes it can take longer if the MDBA has an unusually high number of litters to be entered into the stud registry. The MDBA posts the pedigree certificates to your puppy's breeder who then posts them out to you.
- The postal system can cause delays.

This process can seem to be slow for a new puppy buyer who is excited with their new puppy's arrival and who have heard stories of unscrupulous breeders but the speed in which you will receive your MDBA registration papers depends on a lot of variables, many of which are beyond the breeder's control.

Please take your new baby home, relax and enjoy the experience and know that you will receive your puppy's registration certificate as soon as we can possibly get it to you.