

**Australian Dingo Conservation Association
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Rules

RULES.

Membership.

1. Members must abide by the constitution of the Australian Dingo Conservation Association (ADCA).
2. Membership of the ADCA shall be nationwide, in all states of Australia.
3. All new members must sign a membership application form when joining the association whereby they agree to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Association, and the Code of Ethics and Practice as set out in the Rules.
4. All people renewing membership must also agree to be bound by the Constitution and Rules, and Code of Ethics and Practice of the ADCA. Failure to comply to the code of Ethics and Practice of the ADCA will lead to a review of membership.

The Publicity/Newsletter Publicist.

To consider and report on matters referred to him/her by the committee, relating to any publicity matters. To make any pertinent recommendations to the committee which is thought to be relevant. To prepare, edit and publish the newsletter, publishing on a quarterly basis or as needed.

Finance/Subcommittee.

To consider and report on matters referred to by the committee. To advise the committee on relative financial matters, and to make recommendations to the committee on any matters concerning finance it thinks relevant, of which the treasurer is the convenor.

Fundraising Co-ordinator/Subcommittee.

To report to the committee on strategies developed to raise funds for the ADCA, with the appropriate recommendations. Prior to enactment of any official fundraising activities by the subcommittee/co-ordinator, approval must be given by the committee. Official documentation must be produced (to comply with laws and insurance) by the ADCA to authorize fundraising.

The DNA Process.

Dingoes which have had samples taken for DNA testing will be recorded on an Interim Register until the results of the DNA test are concluded.

Conservation Register Record

1. Only DNA tested dingoes with no evidence of domestic dog markers will be listed on the Conservation Register Record. The Dingo physical characteristics must be true to phenotype with true, typical wild behavioural traits.
2. The Register record will include micro-chip/tattoo numbers with pedigree details.

Government liaison.

Members will only undertake liaison with government bodies when advice and support has been given by the committee on how to proceed and to ascertain that all the ADCA resources and updated information is available. It would be expected that these activities meet with the aims of our association to conserve pure dingoes and not put the gene pool at risk.

CODE OF ETHICS.

Code of Ethics for conservation management of captive dingoes:

1. Ensure that all dingoes under your control are properly housed, fed, watered and receive proper veterinary attention, if and when required.
2. Stop any dingo under your care from roaming. When away from home ensure they are on a leash or under effective control at all times.
3. Breed dingoes only for the purpose of conserving the dingo as found in nature. Not for the pet market or any other commercial purpose.
4. Do not breed any dingo (male or female) in its first season.
5. Prohibit the mating of dingoes with any domestic breed of dog.
6. Vaccinate all your dingoes at the appropriate time, including the vaccination of pups from six weeks onwards.
7. Prohibit the sale, directly or indirectly to any dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers, or to allow a dingo to be given as a prize or donation in any contest of any kind.
8. Do not represent the characteristics of the dingo or falsely advertise, or mislead any person regarding the performance of the dingo.

Code of Practice

Note: This Code of Practice may vary from state to state depending on local regulation/laws – check with the ADCA and local government body.

1. Housing:

Minimum requirements – 1.8 metre high chain link or similar fence with angled return at the top and dig-proof or wire mesh under the ground at the bottom to a depth of 15cms. Runs and kennels to a combined minimum area of 10 square metres per animal and must include weatherproof housing.

Flooring material to be of concrete, gravel or earth. Simple to clean and well drained. The enclosure must be fitted with a secure locking device. The facility must have provision for separating dingoes if more than one dingo is kept.

Yards which are completely escape proof may be approved as adequate by inspectors for exercising dingoes. Any additional requirements imposed by State or Local governments in relation to housing must be complied with at all times.

Dingoes are not allowed out of enclosure or approved enclosed areas unless under effective control at all times. A daily exercise regimen is essential. The companionship of another dog or dogs is recommended.

Sale or Disposal of Dingoes

The ADCA members will not dispose of, sell or transfer a dingo to a third person unless that person has prior approval by the ADCA.

Inspection of Property.

Wildlife Legislation provides for the inspection of premises at any time by authorized Parks and Wildlife personnel.

The Dingo Permit

It is essential dingo keepers are fully aware and comply with permit conditions in the relevant states.

Notification.

In those states and territories where dingoes are deemed to be native fauna by government agencies, owners are required to fill out returns for births, deaths and transfers, when renewing the yearly permit. When renewing your dingo permit – remember the ADCA also requires notification each year of these events for the conservation record.

Criteria and Protocol for the Australian Species Management Program for Dingoes and the Conservation Register

The Australian Species Management Program for Dingoes (ASMP) was formerly managed by the Australian Regional Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (ARAZPA). Since November 2002 the Studbook has been officially handed to the ADCA.

The Association's responsibilities lie in the scientific, efficient management of Dingo conservation and breeding programs to ensure the purity and longevity of the species *Canis Lupus Dingo*.

To achieve these outcomes the following criteria must be met:

1. Form a management committee of 3-4 members including the Studbook Manager who will have the responsibility to oversee the conservation, breeding activities, adequate housing and guidelines for the program.
2. Continue the DNA research on dingoes both wild and captive populations to ascertain pure animals and to expand the gene pool.
3. Establish and operate a Conservation Studbook/Register. This is important to allow good breeding decisions and to implement efficient records of all animals, including all births, deaths etc.,
4. Breeders will be required to comply with ethical guidelines.
5. Only DNA tested animals with no evidence of domestic dog markers on the DNA test results will be recorded on the Conservation Register.

Breeding Ethics

Dingoes must be bred to type only e.g. Mountain, Inland, Tropical.

1. Adequate housing
2. Hygiene of a high standard.
3. Food and nutrition to be optimum. Whelping and worming regime must be done to give the optimum care to the female to whelp and for the optimum health of the dingo pups.
4. Records must be kept
5. Undertake good communication with the Studbook Manager and the Committee
6. The ADCA will forward relevant document e.g pedigree, DNA information, transfer sheet, private treaty forms and conservation record for the ADCA.

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Secretary/Treasurer.