

## PUPPY FOR SALE

### “PURE BRED GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG WITH PAPERS”



Beaming with pride, the new puppy owner parades their 8 week old German Shepherd (GSD) puppy at the Branch. After a friendly chat with the new owner, I find that the pup is on the Limited Register.

“What’s the ‘Limited Register’?”, he asks, “Can I show or breed her?”



#### **LIMITED REGISTER (Orange VCA Pedigree Papers)**

If you buy a pure bred puppy, which is on the ‘Limited Register’, you will receive an Orange sheet of paper from the breeder. This is the registration papers of the puppy, which are issued (in Victoria) by the ‘Victorian Canine Association’ (VCA). The VCA is affiliated with the ‘Australian National Kennel Control’ (ANKC). Both these organizations names, or their abbreviations (stamps), should be on the papers. This Orange form should be supplied to you when you ‘pick up<sup>1</sup> your puppy from the breeder’. The registered breeder(s) must sign the back of the form (the transfer section) to enable you to transfer<sup>2</sup> the puppy into your name (then you are recorded as the new owner).

<sup>1</sup> puppy must be at least 8 weeks of age before you ‘pick him/her up from the breeder’

<sup>2</sup> transferring the puppy into your name, is done, when you forward the orange form with the completed transfer section and the applicable fee(s) to the VCA (in Victoria).

#### **What does ‘Limited Registration’ mean?...**

- The puppy is registered with the VCA on the ‘Limited Register’
- Your puppy has been bred from registered parents, grand and great grandparents
- You can have your puppy transferred into your name with the VCA, a transfer fee only needs to be paid and you do not need to join as a VCA member.
- But, if you decide to enter Obedience/Endurance/flyball/agility/tracking, etc., trials/competitions, you need to become a VCA member as well as have the dog transferred into your name.
- Only the Breeder (at their discretion) can transfer your puppy from Limited Register to the Main Register.
- The puppy cannot be shown at ‘Dog Shows’ (Conformation classes) & if you bred this animal, the offspring will not be entitled to VCA registration papers (which are subject to ANKC rules).
- The puppy is ineligible for export.

#### **Why has the breeder put my puppy on the Limited Register?**

In many cases, most of the puppies out of a litter are sold as ‘pets’ with the expectation that they will be de-sexed. This is encouraged under ‘Responsible Dog Ownership Schemes’.

By placing the puppy on Limited Register, the Breeder is providing the benefits of registration with the clear expectation that the puppy will be a pet. It is also a way to restrict the new puppy owner from ‘backyard breeding’, that is, to discourage irresponsible breeding.

The breeder may require certain standards to be met before they will agree to transfer the animal back to the ‘Main Register<sup>3</sup>’, these may include:

- that the animal must pass the GSDCA X-ray scheme (a check for genetic defects in the hips and elbows)
- that the animal is to be presented for classification at a GSDCA Breed Survey. (this is when each animal is checked for its breed worthiness by the assessment of its conformation and then the passing of temperament, crowd and gun tests)

#### **<sup>3</sup>MAIN REGISTER (Blue VCA Pedigree papers)**

A puppy on main register is issued with a Blue Registration and Pedigree certificate; this also is issued by the VCA and stamped by the ANKC. As with the Limited Registration papers, the breeder(s) must sign the transfer section, on the back, and give you this form when you ‘pick up your puppy’ (minimum of 8 weeks of age).

#### **What does ‘Main Registration’ mean?...**

- The puppy is registered with the VCA on the ‘Main Register’
- Your puppy has been bred from registered sire and dam, grand and great grandparents
- You must become a VCA member to then be able to transfer the animal into your name. That is, you will need to pay the relevant membership fee(s) as well as the dog’s transfer fee to the VCA (in Vic).
- Once you join the VCA and transfer your dog, you can then enter your dog into Conformation and Obedience Show and Trials (subject to the ANKC rules and regulations).



- You can breed your animal, but you must follow the ANKC rules and regulations to be entitled to VCA registration papers for your animal's offspring. One of the most recent ANKC rules is that both of the parents of your offspring must have been X-rayed for Hip Dysplasia. For more details, please contact the VCA.
- Only the Breeder can transfer your puppy from Main Register to the Limited Register (at your request)

### **WHAT'S THIS 5 GENERATION PEDIGREE PAPER? .....ISN'T THAT THE 'PEDIGREE PAPERS'?**

Some breeders may give you a 5-generation pedigree sheet. This has information about the puppy's five generations of ancestors. It is often provided, by the Breeder, for information purposes only. Often this document is certified by the Breeder, "To the best of their knowledge".

This form is NOT the VCA (ANKC Affiliated) Registration papers. Only, the ANKC Affiliated registration papers are proof of registration and ownership of the puppy.



### **Summary of the different types of pedigree papers.**

|   | <b>Main Registration</b>   | <b>Limited Registration</b>  | <b>5 generation pedigree (will vary)</b>  |
|---|--|--|---|
| <i>Proof of:</i>  | VCA Registration on the Main Register of the animal (in Victoria)<br>ANKC Affiliation  | VCA Registration on the Limited Register of the animal (in Victoria)<br>ANKC Affiliation                                     | Not proof that you have a registered animal<br>(Is the Breeder's information re: puppy's relatives) |
| <i>Title</i>  | Certificate of Registration and Pedigree   | Certificate of Registration and Pedigree, Limited Register   | Varies  |
| <i>Colour identification</i>  | Blue background (front page) with blue and black writing   | Orange background (front page) with orange and black writing   | Any colour paper and/or writing   |
| <i>Back page</i>  | VCA Transfer application (Breeder(s) must sign)  | VCA Transfer application (Breeder(s) must sign)  | Blank   |
| <i>Cost of Transfer</i>   | VCA relevant Membership fee(s) plus the transfer fee   | Transfer fee only unless competing in Obedience Trials   | Nil   |
| <i>Special abbreviation/ Stamps</i>   | Australian National Kennel Council- <b>ANKC</b>  | Australian National Kennel Council- <b>ANKC</b>  | Nil   |
| <i>Number of generations</i>  | 3  | 3  | 5   |
| <i>Information included</i>   | Name:<br>Breed:<br>Sex: Microchip No:<br>Date of Birth:<br>Tattoo No:<br>Colour:<br>Registered:<br>Sire:<br>Dam:<br>Bred by: | Name:<br>Breed:<br>Sex: Microchip No:<br>Date of Birth:<br>Tattoo No:<br>Colour:<br>Registered:<br>Sire:<br>Dam:<br>Bred by: | Varies  |
| <i>Other information:</i>   |  |  |   |
| <i>Issued:</i>  | Date issued  | Date issued  | May have a date   |
| <i>Issued by: (in Victoria)</i>   | Victorian Canine Association (VCA)   | Victorian Canine Association (VCA)   | Breeder(s)  |
| <i>Registered owner: (prior to transfer to new puppy owner's name)</i>          | The Breeder(s) name, address and VCA Membership no.  | The Breeder(s) name, address and VCA Membership no.  | Breeder(s) details  |
| <i>Certificated by Breeder(s)</i>   | No   | No   | May be certified by the Breeder(s)  |
| <i>Owners entitlement (after paying relevant membership and transfer fee/s)</i> | Can enter: Conformation shows & Obedience trials (Subject to ANKC rules)   | Can enter: Obedience trials (Subject to ANKC rules)  | For breeder and new puppy owners information only   |
| <i>If I bred with this animal</i>   | Offspring will be issued with VCA registration papers (subject to ANKC rules)  | No VCA registration papers will be issued for offspring  | No VCA registration entitlements  |