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Breeding Approval Regulations (BAR)

Appendix 3 to the Breeding Regulations

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Purpose of the Breeding Approval Regulations (BAR)

The purpose of these Breeding Approval Regulations is to ensure that only healthy, stress-resilient, socially stable Dobermans conforming to the FCI Breed Standard are approved for breeding within the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V. (DCD) in order to preserve and improve the breed.

These Regulations are based on the DCD Breeding Regulations as well as the Breeding Regulations of the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH), version dated 1 September 2024, registered with the Local Court of Dortmund on 21 May 2025.



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General Provisions

(Source: VDH Breeding Regulations, Section 5)

1. Only healthy, temperamentally sound, and breed-typical dogs may be approved and used for breeding.
2. The following minimum requirements must be fulfilled before a dog can be granted breeding approval:

- a) Compliance with the health requirements established by the Club;
- b) Successful completion of a temperament assessment;
- c) Successful completion of a phenotype/conformation evaluation.

All requirements must be fulfilled before breeding approval can be granted.

The owner shall receive an official certificate confirming the dog's breeding approval.

3. Breeding approval shall, in particular, be revoked if a significant incidence of hereditary defects specific to the Doberman breed is identified among the dog's offspring, or if the dog itself develops breeding-relevant diseases or demonstrates aggressive behaviour.

Section 1 – Kennel Name Protection (DCD e.V. / VDH / FCI)

1.1

Application for a kennel name may only be made by persons who have reached the age of majority.

1.2

Kennel name protection is a fundamental requirement for responsible, purebred, and controlled breeding.

Protection of a kennel name may be applied for at any time, including prior to the commencement of breeding activities or the establishment of breeding facilities, by submitting an application to the DCD Office or the Head Breed Warden.

1.3

Applications for kennel name protection shall be submitted by the DCD Office to the VDH, which in turn forwards the application to the FCI.

Accordingly, every kennel name must be clearly distinguishable from all previously registered kennel names.



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1.4

The breeder is solely responsible for verifying that the proposed kennel name is available for use.

Applicants are strongly advised to conduct a thorough review before submitting their application.

Compound kennel names are permitted.

1.5

By applying for a kennel name, the breeder confirms to DCD e.V. that neither the kennel name nor any component thereof infringes copyright, intellectual property rights, ownership rights, or any other rights of third parties.

The applicant shall indemnify DCD e.V. against all claims brought by third parties arising from the approval or use of the kennel name and assumes full legal responsibility for any such claims.

1.6

For the purpose of any legal proceedings arising in connection with the kennel name, the applicant releases DCD e.V. from its duty of confidentiality.

1.7

A one-time fee shall be charged for kennel name protection in accordance with the current Schedule of Fees.

1.8

The kennel name shall remain protected within the jurisdiction of DCD e.V. for as long as the breeder remains a member of the Club.

1.9

Kennel name protection shall expire:

- a) upon the breeder's death, unless an heir claims transfer of the kennel name within ten years;
- b) if the breeder relinquishes the kennel name without transferring it to another person;
- c) if the breeder becomes a member of a breed club not recognised by, or acting contrary to, the FCI and/or the VDH;
- d) if the breeder violates the Statutes or Regulations of the VDH, the FCI, or DCD e.V.

Cancellation of kennel name protection shall be processed through the VDH, which shall submit the request for deletion to the FCI.

Section 2 – Breeding Requirements

2.1 Health

The following mandatory health examinations constitute the minimum requirements for breeding approval of both brood bitches and stud dogs:



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1. Hip Dysplasia (HD) – Grade A or B.
2. DNA profile in accordance with the ISAG 2020 Standard, performed by Laboklin.
3. Copper Storage Disease (CT) – PCR test for risk factor/protective factor.
4. von Willebrand Disease (vWD) – Result: **Clear** or **Carrier**.
5. Dilute Gene Test – Result: **DD** or **Dd**.
6. Current cardiac examination consisting of:
 - o 24-hour Holter ECG; and
 - o Echocardiographic examination.

The examination must not be more than one year old, unless the examining cardiologist recommends a shorter re-examination interval. Such recommendation shall be mandatory within DCD e.V.

Expertise Centre for Genetics, Utrecht

Where DNA has been permanently stored by the Expertise Centre for Genetics, Utrecht, additional genetic analyses (including Copper Storage Disease, vWD, and Dilute) may be requested at any time using the stored DNA sample.

Alternatively, the required DNA testing may be carried out by **Laboklin**.

Collegium Cardiologicum e.V.

The **Collegium Cardiologicum e.V.**, under the direction of Dr. Kresken, serves as the cardiology advisory body for DCD e.V. and its members. In cooperation with the VDH, it provides professional consultation, statistical analyses, lectures, and seminars.

For dogs residing in Germany, the mandatory cardiac examination must be performed by a cardiologist belonging to the **CC Network (Collegium Cardiologicum)**.

For foreign stud dogs, the mandatory cardiac examination may alternatively be performed by a Diplomate of either the **European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ECVIM – Cardiology)** or the **American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM – Cardiology)**.

2.2 Temperament Assessment

The minimum temperament requirement may be satisfied by one of the following:

- a) Successful completion of the **Companion Dog Test with Traffic Test (BH/VT)**;
- b) A separate temperament assessment conducted during an official character evaluation;
- c) A temperament assessment performed as part of a conformation evaluation at an approved dog show;



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d) A breeding suitability test recognised by another breed club affiliated with the VDH and/or the FCI.

2.3 Phenotype / Conformation Evaluation

The minimum conformation requirement may be fulfilled by one of the following:

a) A phenotype assessment conducted during an official temperament evaluation by a Doberman breed judge licensed for the breed;

b) A conformation evaluation by a Doberman breed judge licensed for the breed at a recognised conformation show.

Proof must be obtained in at least the **Intermediate Class**, with the following minimum ratings:

- **Brood bitches: GOOD**
- **Stud dogs: VERY GOOD**

c) A breeding suitability test recognised by another breed club affiliated with the VDH and/or the FCI.

Section 3 – Minimum and Maximum Age for Breeding Dogs

Brood Bitches

Brood bitches shall be at least **24 months of age** at the time of their first mating.

They may not be bred after reaching **eight years of age**.

Stud Dogs

Stud dogs shall be at least **24 months of age** at the time of their first mating.

Provided they have demonstrably proven themselves as successful sires and remain in good physical condition, they may continue to be used for breeding without an upper age limit.

Limitation on Matings

Until reaching **six years of age**, a stud dog may be used for breeding a maximum of **eight times**.



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From the age of **seven years onwards**, there shall be no restriction on the number of matings.

Section 4 – Dogs Excluded from Breeding

The following dogs shall not be approved for breeding:

Dogs that do not conform to the FCI Breed Standard, in particular those presenting breeding-disqualifying faults, including but not limited to:

- Dental defects;
- Behavioural disorders;
- Severely defective coat texture;
- Unsound temperament;
- Congenital deafness or blindness;
- Cleft lip and/or cleft palate;
- Cryptorchidism or monorchidism;
- Non-standard coat colours (blue, fawn/isabella, or white). Dogs carrying the dilute gene may only be mated to dogs that are genetically clear of the dilute mutation;
- Ectropion or entropion;
- Tail abnormalities (e.g. kinked tail, hemivertebrae, block vertebrae);
- Jaw abnormalities (e.g. overshot bite, undershot bite, crossbite);
- Hip dysplasia grades **HD-C**, **HD-D**, or **HD-E**;
- Homozygous von Willebrand disease (vWD). Dogs that are heterozygous carriers may only be bred to genetically clear partners;
- Hereditary cardiac disease, particularly dogs receiving a **Collegium Cardiologicum (CC)** assessment of **Grade 2 or higher**;
- Copper Storage Disease. Dogs with clinically confirmed Copper Storage Disease shall be excluded from breeding.

Section 5 – Breeders and Stud Dog Owners

A breeding establishment may produce a maximum of **three litters per calendar year** (reference period: **1 January to 31 December**).

This means either:

- three litters from the breeder's own brood bitches; or
- exceptionally, two litters from the breeder's own brood bitches and one litter from a leased brood bitch.

Prior to mating, both the breeder and the owner of the stud dog shall verify that the stud dog and the brood bitch fulfil all breeding requirements established by DCD e.V., as specified in these Breeding Approval Regulations and the official Mating Notification.



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The determination of the stud fee and the terms of payment shall be solely a matter between the breeder and the owner of the stud dog.

To avoid misunderstandings or disputes, written agreements are strongly recommended.

Section 6 – Brood Bitches

6.1

To prevent excessive use of brood bitches, a bitch may not be mated again until **at least twelve (12) months** have elapsed from the date of the previous mating. The relevant reference date shall be the date of mating.

A brood bitch may produce a maximum of **four litters** during her lifetime.

6.2

Upon receipt of a justified written application, the **Head Breed Warden** may grant a **one-time exception** to permit a shortened breeding interval.

The application must include a photocopy of both sides of the bitch's pedigree certificate.

The Head Breed Warden may request a report on the bitch's general health and condition from the responsible Breed Warden and/or an independent veterinarian.

Any costs incurred for such examinations or reports shall be borne by the owner or keeper of the bitch.

6.3

A shortened breeding interval shall **not** be permitted if more than **six puppies** were left with the bitch in her previous litter.

If more than **eight puppies** are reared by the bitch without the use of a foster bitch, she shall be permanently excluded from eligibility for any future exception regarding shortened breeding intervals.

6.4

As a general rule, no more than **eight puppies** should remain with the brood bitch for natural rearing.

Any additional puppies shall be transferred to a suitable foster bitch for rearing.

If more than eight puppies remain with the brood bitch, she may not be mated again until **at least eighteen (18) months** have elapsed from the previous mating date. The relevant reference date shall be the date of mating.

6.5

Hand-rearing by artificial feeding alone (bottle feeding) shall only be permitted where the brood bitch is certified by a veterinarian as being unable to nurse due to illness or death and where no suitable foster bitch is available.

6.6

Proper care, housing, and rearing of the puppies must be ensured in accordance with **Appendix 2 of the Breeding Regulations (Conditions for Rearing Puppies)**.



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Breed Wardens are responsible for inspecting litters, and only Breed Wardens are authorised to conduct official litter inspections and acceptance procedures.

Breed Wardens may **not** inspect or officially accept litters that they have bred themselves.

Furthermore, Breed Wardens shall not conduct litter inspections, litter evaluations, or kennel inspections for parents, siblings, children, or life partners.

At the official litter inspection, the Breed Warden shall prepare an inspection report containing all information required for the issuance of pedigrees or registration certificates.

The report shall include:

- the condition of the puppies;
- the condition of the brood bitch;
- any abnormalities observed in individual puppies; and
- an assessment of the overall conditions within the breeding establishment.

The Breed Warden shall verify:

- the correct identification of every puppy by microchip;
- compliance with the applicable vaccination requirements.

Vaccinations shall comply with the current recommendations of the **Standing Committee on Veterinary Vaccination (StiKo Vet)**.

Prior to the official litter inspection, all puppies must have been properly dewormed in accordance with the recommendations of **ESCCAP**.

Puppies may not be placed in new homes before reaching **eight weeks of age**.

Before transfer, they must:

- be healthy;
- be in excellent physical condition;
- have been properly dewormed;
- be identified by microchip by a veterinarian;
- have received the required protective vaccinations, including vaccination against **SHLP**; and
- be accompanied by an **EU Pet Passport**.

Any tail abnormalities, including kinked tails, must be reported immediately to the responsible Breed Warden.



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Section 7 – Foster Nursing

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A foster bitch used for nursing shall:

- have a minimum height at the withers of **50 cm**;
- be physically strong and in good health; and
- possess a stable and reliable temperament.

No more than **eight puppies** in total, including her own litter, may be nursed by the foster bitch.

7.2

The Breed Warden shall supervise the foster nursing arrangement and confirm the secure identification of all puppies.

The puppies shall be placed with the foster bitch no later than the **tenth day after birth**.

7.3

The foster nursing arrangement must be certified by the responsible Breed Warden on the litter registration form or by means of the official Foster Nursing Certificate.

7.4

Puppies reared by a foster bitch shall be identified by the letter "**A**" on the litter registration form.

7.5

The use of pseudopregnant foster bitches is prohibited.

7.6

Puppies transferred to a foster bitch shall be returned to their original litter for permanent identification by microchip.

7.7

Puppies reared by a foster bitch may not be returned to their biological dam before reaching **six weeks of age**.

The German version of these Breeding Approval Regulations shall constitute the sole authentic and legally binding text. The English translation is provided for information and convenience only. In the event of any discrepancy, inconsistency, or ambiguity between the two versions, the German text shall prevail.