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Breeding Regulations

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§1 General Provisions

The International Breeding Regulations of the **Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)**, the **German Animal Welfare Act**, the **German Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance**, and the **Breeding Regulations of the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH)** (effective 1 September 2024, registered with the Local Court of Dortmund on 21 May 2025) are binding upon all pedigree dog breed clubs affiliated with the VDH.

The objective of **Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V. (DCD)** is to guide and promote the breeding of the Dobermann in accordance with the FCI Breed Standard, preserving its



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breed-typical appearance, temperament, and working abilities that have established the breed as an internationally recognized working dog.

The fundamental requirements for breeding are:

- sound health,
- normal physical development,
- breed-typical temperament,
- and full breeding maturity.

Only dogs that can reasonably be expected **not to produce offspring exhibiting characteristics of extreme breeding (qualzucht)** may be used for breeding.

Dogs used for breeding must not display any faults classified as **disqualifying faults** under the applicable FCI Breed Standard.

Particular emphasis shall be placed on:

- maintaining and improving the health of the breed,
- expanding and preserving genetic diversity.

Genetic defects and inherited diseases shall be systematically recorded, evaluated and addressed through appropriate breeding measures by the DCD.

The DCD actively supports scientific research aimed at preventing hereditary diseases and genetic defects.

This includes, in particular:

1. Close cooperation with the **Expertise Centre for Genetics Utrecht** regarding:
 - genetic research,
 - development of new DNA tests,
 - genetic databases,
 - breeder support modules,
 - cooperation with Embark and DDP.
2. Mandatory cardiac examinations consisting of:
 - echocardiography,
 - and 24-hour Holter ECG,

performed by an approved cardiologist belonging to the **Collegium Cardiologicum (CC)** network.

The **Collegium Cardiologicum e.V.** shall provide professional support and advice to the DCD and its members and shall serve as the liaison organization in cooperation with the VDH, including statistical evaluations, lectures and educational seminars.

The following appendices form an integral part of these Breeding Regulations:



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- **Appendix 1:** Minimum Housing Requirements
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- **Appendix 3:** Breeding Approval Regulations (BAR)
- **Appendix 4:** Validity Period of Cardiac Examination Results

§2 Breeding Rights

2.1 Breeder

For the purposes of these Breeding Regulations, a **breeder** is any person holding a valid **Breeding Authorization** pursuant to §4.1.1.

The breeder's kennel name must be officially protected and registered with the **VDH/FCI**.

2.2 Lease of Breeding Bitches

The leasing of breeding bitches shall only be permitted with the prior approval of the **Breeding Committee** or the **Stud Book Office** by means of a formal breeding lease agreement.

Provided that all requirements are fulfilled, the lessee shall be regarded as the breeder of the litter.

The following documents must be submitted to the Stud Book Office:

- a) the breeding lease agreement (official form);
- b) the application for transfer of breeding rights (official form).

These documents must be submitted **no later than five days after mating**.

No exceptions shall be granted.

§ 3 Breeding Supervision and Advisory Services

The **Chief Breeding Warden** and the **Breeding Wardens** shall be available to all members of the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V. (DCD) to provide advice and assistance in all breeding matters. They are responsible for supervising breeding activities and ensuring compliance with these Breeding Regulations.

3.1 Head of Breeding / Chief Breeding Warden (CBW)

The individual appointed as **Chief Breeding Warden (CBW)** must meet, as a minimum, all qualifications required of a Breeding Warden.

The Chief Breeding Warden, together with the Breeding Committee, is responsible for supervising all breeding activities within the DCD. This includes the identification,



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documentation, evaluation and, where necessary, the implementation of measures to combat hereditary defects and inherited diseases.

The Chief Breeding Warden shall monitor compliance with these Breeding Regulations and is responsible for ensuring that all Breeding Wardens maintain current knowledge of canine breeding through appropriate education and continuing professional development.

3.2 Breeding Wardens

Breeding Wardens are the primary advisers and contacts for DCD members in all breeding matters.

They supervise breeding activities within their respective regions and ensure compliance with these Breeding Regulations.

Any deficiencies or violations identified during inspections shall be documented by the responsible Breeding Warden and reported immediately to the Chief Breeding Warden.

Only members of the DCD may be appointed as Breeding Wardens by the Executive Board.

Candidates must demonstrate:

- comprehensive knowledge of the legal requirements relating to dog breeding and animal welfare;
- practical breeding experience;
- sound knowledge of genetics and breeding principles as required by the DCD;
- proven practical experience in conducting litter inspections.

Appointments as Breeding Warden are subject to confirmation by the General Assembly (National Club or Local Chapter).

The minimum qualification requirements are governed by the **Breeding Warden Regulations**.

The office of Breeding Warden may only be exercised by persons committed to continuous education and who regularly participate in recognised training courses and seminars.

3.3 Breeding Committee

3.3.1 Composition

The DCD Breeding Committee shall consist of individuals with proven expertise in cynology.

Members shall be appointed by the DCD Executive Board upon recommendation of the responsible Board Member.

The Committee shall be chaired by the Chief Breeding Warden.



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3.3.2 Responsibilities

The Breeding Committee reports directly to the Chief Breeding Warden.

Its responsibilities include:

- advising DCD breeders on breeding matters;
- monitoring the development of the Dobermann breed;
- preparing recommendations for breeding policies and decisions to be submitted to the Executive Board.

3.3.3 Cases Requiring Committee Action

The Breeding Committee shall act whenever:

- a) a breeder or dog owner submits a specific breeding-related issue to the DCD;
- b) a breeder or dog owner reports that another breeder has failed to address a recognised breeding problem appropriately;
- c) the DCD obtains new information indicating that breeding measures are necessary to combat hereditary diseases or genetic defects.

3.3.4 Breeding Programmes

The Breeding Committee may appoint project coordinators to supervise specific breeding programmes.

These coordinators should possess extensive cynological experience and shall monitor the progress of breeding projects while serving as liaison between breeders and the Committee.

3.3.5 Duties of the Breeding Committee

The Committee is responsible for, among other duties:

- maintaining breeding statistics;
- monitoring breed health;
- evaluating offspring;
- participating in breeder and breeding warden education;
- acting as liaison with the VDH Breeding Committee and Scientific Advisory Board;
- communicating recommendations and scientific findings issued by the VDH.

§ 4 Breeding

4.1 Requirements for Breeding

4.1.1 Breeding Authorization



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Only purebred Dobermanns possessing an FCI- or VDH-recognised pedigree, being clinically healthy and of stable temperament, may be approved for breeding.

Upon application, and provided that all requirements are fulfilled, the Chief Breeding Warden may grant a **Breeding Authorization** to the breeder and, following successful character assessment, a **Breeding Approval** to the dog.

Prior to granting a Breeding Authorization, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

(1) Breeder Education

Before breeding a first litter, first-time breeders must provide proof of successful participation in an officially recognised breeder education seminar organised by the VDH.

Thereafter, breeders are required to attend breeder conferences organised by the DCD on a regular basis.

(2) Housing and Rearing Conditions

The responsible Breeding Warden must certify that:

- all dogs are kept under excellent housing conditions appropriate for the Dobermann breed in accordance with the DCD Minimum Housing Requirements;
- puppies are raised under excellent conditions in accordance with the DCD Puppy Rearing Requirements.

(3) Protected Kennel Name

The breeder must hold an FCI-protected kennel name registered either through the DCD or another FCI-recognised Dobermann breed club.

Should any of these requirements cease to be fulfilled, the Breeding Authorization shall be suspended until compliance has been re-established and confirmed by the Breeding Department.

Any breeding conducted without a valid Breeding Authorization or during a period of suspension shall constitute a violation of these Breeding Regulations.

4.1.2 Breeding Approval

Only dogs conforming to the current FCI Breed Standard and meeting all requirements regarding health, temperament and physical constitution shall receive Breeding Approval.

Only healthy, temperamentally stable and breed-typical Dobermanns may be used for breeding.



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All detailed requirements, restrictions and conditions governing Breeding Approval are set out in the **Breeding Approval Regulations (BAR)**, Appendix 3 to these Regulations.

4.1.3 Frequency of Breeding Use and Litter Size

Stud Dogs

Whenever possible, breeding should involve a wide variety of unrelated stud dogs in order to preserve genetic diversity within the breed.

Brood Bitches

In accordance with the German Animal Welfare Act, litter size shall not be artificially restricted.

To prevent excessive use of breeding bitches:

- a bitch may not be mated again until at least **12 months** have elapsed since the previous mating date;
- following a litter consisting of more than **eight puppies**, she may not be mated again until **18 months** after the previous mating date.

The mating date shall be decisive for calculating these intervals.

A bitch may produce a maximum of **four litters up to and including her eighth year of life**.

4.2 Dogs Excluded from Breeding

Dogs that fail to comply with the Breed Standard or exhibit disqualifying faults as defined in the Breeding Approval Regulations shall not be approved for breeding.

Breeding shall also be permanently prohibited for bitches that have:

- undergone two Caesarean sections;
- suffered gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV);
- been diagnosed with mammary carcinoma.

Matings between first-degree relatives and half-siblings are strictly prohibited.

Pedigrees or registration certificates issued for dogs excluded from breeding shall bear an appropriate notation.

Offspring produced abroad from dogs that were denied breeding approval in Germany due to disqualifying breeding faults shall not be entered into the DCD Stud Book or Register.

This provision equally applies to dogs originating from other VDH- or FCI-recognised breed clubs.



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4.3 Use of Stud Dogs Registered with Other Breed Clubs

Where stud dogs registered with another VDH member club or an FCI-recognised foreign organisation are used for breeding, they must satisfy all breeding requirements applicable in their respective country or breed organisation.

In addition, the following documentation shall be mandatory:

- Hip Dysplasia evaluation: Grade A or B;
- at least one official conformation rating;
- BH/VT or FCI IGP certification;
- DNA profile according to ISAG 2020 standards;
- Copper Storage Disease (CT) genetic testing;
- von Willebrand Disease (vWD): Clear or Carrier;
- Dilution gene status: DD or Dd;
- a current cardiac examination consisting of:
 - echocardiography,
 - 24-hour Holter ECG,performed within the previous twelve months or within the validity period recommended by the examining cardiologist.

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

4.4 Recognition of Breeding Approvals Issued by Other Breed Clubs

Breeding approvals granted by other VDH- or FCI-recognised breed clubs shall be recognised by the DCD.

However, all health examinations required under the DCD **Breeding Approval Regulations (BAR)** must additionally be fulfilled before breeding approval is recognised by the DCD.

§ 5 Kennel Name and Kennel Name Protection

5.1 Purpose of the Kennel Name

The kennel name forms an integral part of the registered name of every dog bred by the breeder. It is assigned to the breeder personally and is independent of membership in any specific breed club or canine organization.

Kennel names shall be approved only for members of the DCD.

Final confirmation of a kennel name shall not be issued until all breeding requirements established by the DCD have been fulfilled. Until such time, confirmation of the kennel name shall be withheld by the Stud Book Office.



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5.2 Validity of the Kennel Name

A kennel partnership consists of two or more individuals breeding jointly under one registered kennel name and must be approved by the DCD.

Approval requires a common breeding address.

If a kennel partnership is dissolved, only one partner may retain and continue using the kennel name.

Where several persons jointly own a breeding dog or brood bitch, breeding rights may be exercised by only one owner unless an officially approved kennel partnership exists.

Only one kennel name may be used for breeding, irrespective of membership in different breed clubs or canine organizations, whether domestic or international.

Breeders are obliged to notify both the Chief Breeding Warden and the DCD Stud Book Office immediately of any change of name or address in order to avoid legal disadvantages.

§ 6 Mating

The owners, keepers and, where applicable, lessees of the breeding animals are solely responsible for the accuracy of all mating and litter information submitted to the DCD.

False declarations constitute a serious breeding violation and may result in a breeding ban.

Before any mating takes place, the owners of both the stud dog and the brood bitch must inspect:

- the original pedigree certificate;
- all original health certificates;
- and, where applicable, official working certificates.

Each party shall provide the other with copies of the relevant documents.

6.1 Stud Book Records

The owner of every stud dog is required to maintain complete and accurate records of every mating performed by that dog.

6.2 Mating Certificate

The owners of both the stud dog and the brood bitch shall confirm the mating by signing the official Mating Certificate.

The breeder must submit the completed certificate to the DCD Stud Book Office within **five (5) days** after the mating.



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6.3 Artificial Insemination

All breeding dogs should be capable of natural reproduction.

Artificial insemination shall not be performed on animals that have never reproduced naturally.

Breed clubs may approve individual exceptions where artificial insemination serves:

- the improvement of breed health;
- the welfare of the brood bitch;
- or the preservation or expansion of the breed's genetic diversity.

(Excerpt from the VDH Breeding Regulations.)

Artificial insemination using either fresh or frozen semen is permitted where it contributes to the improvement of the breed.

Prior approval of the DCD Breeding Committee is required.

(See Appendix 3 – Breeding Approval Regulations.)

The brood bitch must already have produced at least one litter following a natural mating before artificial insemination may be used.

6.4 Forced Matings

Forced matings are strictly prohibited.

6.5 Kennel Records

Every breeder shall maintain complete kennel records documenting all litters.

The responsible Breeding Warden and the Chief Breeding Warden are entitled to inspect these records at any time.

The use of the official **VDH Kennel Record Book** is recommended.

6.6 Notification of Mating

The breeder shall submit the official Mating Certificate to both the DCD Stud Book Registrar and the Chief Breeding Warden within **five (5) days** of the mating.

6.7 General Provisions



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The owner of the brood bitch shall submit all documents required under Sections 6 and 6.2 of these Regulations to the responsible Breeding Warden no later than the litter inspection.

The Breeding Warden shall forward these documents to the Stud Book Registrar.

Failure to comply may result in the imposition of a breeding ban.

§ 7 Breeding Inspections and Litter Inspections

7.1 Litter Notification

Every litter must be reported to the responsible DCD Breeding Warden immediately, and in any event no later than **three (3) days after birth**.

The notification shall include:

- name of the brood bitch;
- name of the stud dog and its owner;
- date of birth of the litter;
- number of puppies by sex and colour;
- number of stillborn puppies by sex;
- any abnormalities, complications, Caesarean section or foster rearing.

(See Appendix 3 – Breeding Approval Regulations.)

7.2 Registration in the Stud Book

All DCD breeders are required to register every litter.

Only puppies meeting the requirements of these Breeding Regulations shall be entered into the Stud Book.

The following documents must be submitted:

- a copy of the brood bitch's pedigree;
- copies of all required health certificates of the brood bitch;
- the completed Mating Certificate;
- a copy of the stud dog's pedigree;
- copies of all required health certificates of the stud dog.

Every puppy within the same litter shall receive a name beginning with the same initial letter.

Male puppies shall be entered first, followed by females, each listed alphabetically.

The initial letters assigned to successive litters shall follow the alphabet consecutively.

Every breeder shall begin with the letter **A**.



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7.3 General Responsibilities of the Breeder

1. Placement of Puppies

Puppies may only be placed with suitable owners capable of providing housing and care in accordance with the applicable German Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance.

The breeder must also be prepared to retain puppies for an extended period or accept returned dogs where necessary.

Breeders shall support new owners in raising and training their puppies, with particular attention given to first-time dog owners.

The vaccination passport must be handed over to the purchaser.

The conclusion of a written purchase agreement is strongly recommended.

2. Commercial Trade

The sale or transfer of puppies to pet shops or commercial dog dealers is strictly prohibited.

Violations shall result in expulsion from the DCD and exclusion from the Stud Book.

3. Welfare of the Brood Bitch and Puppies

The breeder is responsible for maintaining both the brood bitch and her puppies in excellent health and nutritional condition.

Puppies shall receive breed-appropriate socialisation and environmental stimulation to ensure stable temperament and sound behavioural development.

Reference is also made to Section 4.1.1 of these Regulations.

4. Deworming, Vaccination and Cardiac Examination

Puppies shall be dewormed from the **10th day of life** onwards in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Prior to litter inspection, the breeder shall provide proof, by means of an international vaccination passport, that each puppy has received its first core vaccination in accordance with current veterinary recommendations.

At the time of this vaccination, every puppy shall undergo a veterinary examination for abnormal heart murmurs.

The findings shall be recorded on the official DCD form, signed by the examining veterinarian and provided to the new owner as a copy.



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5. Minimum Age for Transfer

Puppies shall not be transferred to their new owners before reaching **eight (8) weeks of age**.

Release shall be authorised by the responsible Breeding Warden only where the puppies demonstrate normal development appropriate to their age.

6. DNA Registration

Before leaving the breeder, every puppy shall be DNA-registered through **LABOKLIN**.

A copy of the registration certificate shall be provided to the new owner.

7.4 Litter Inspection

The official litter inspection shall be carried out by the responsible Breeding Warden no earlier than the puppies' **eighth week of life**, following vaccination in accordance with current veterinary recommendations.

Permanent identification of every Dobermann by means of an **ISO 11784-compliant microchip** is mandatory.

The Breeding Warden shall prepare an official litter inspection report containing all significant information relating to the litter, including any defects or abnormalities identified in the puppies.

The original report shall be submitted to the DCD Stud Book Office.

Copies shall be retained by both the responsible Breeding Warden and the breeder.

§ 8 Stud Book

8.1 General Provisions

The Stud Book serves as the official record of the pedigree and breeding history of all dogs bred under the auspices of the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V. (DCD).

Only dogs bred under the supervision of the VDH and/or FCI and whose pedigrees can be fully documented for at least **three consecutive generations** in VDH- or FCI-recognised stud books shall be eligible for registration.

Pedigree certificates constitute extracts from the Stud Book and shall include at least three generations of ancestry.

The Stud Book shall be maintained by the **Stud Book Registrar** under the supervision of the DCD Breeding Committee.



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During the period of the Club's provisional membership within the VDH, the Stud Book shall be compiled and issued by **VDH Service GmbH**.

All documentation required by the VDH shall be collected and submitted by the DCD Administrative Office.

The Stud Book and the Register (see §10) shall be maintained in accordance with these Breeding Regulations.

Only breeding activities that have been subject to official litter and breeding supervision by the DCD shall be recorded.

The DCD Stud Book shall be published annually in digital format and made available for download in the members' area of the Club's website.

8.2 Entries in the Stud Book

8.2.1 Contents of the Stud Book

The Stud Book shall record every registered litter, specifying:

- the total number of puppies born;
- the number of puppies entered into the Stud Book;
- sex;
- coat colour.

In addition, all identifiable hereditary defects and Caesarean sections shall be recorded.

8.2.2 Breeding Classes

The DCD distinguishes between the following breeding classifications:

Standard Breeding

The requirements for Standard Breeding are defined in the **Breeding Approval Regulations (Appendix 3)**.

Working Breeding

Both parents must possess:

- at least an **FCI IGP 1** working title;
- an officially recognised FCI/VDH/DCD conformation rating of:
 - **Very Good** for males;
 - **Good** for females.

In addition, a valid **VDH/FCI Working Dog Certificate** is required.



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Working examinations recognised by FCI and VDH member organisations shall be accepted.

All other requirements applicable to Standard Breeding shall also apply.

8.2.3 Scope of Entries

The Stud Book shall include:

- an explanation of its structure;
- a table of contents;
- an alphabetical list of all protected kennel names;
- an alphabetical register of breeders.

Every puppy bred in accordance with these Regulations shall be entered with:

- registered name;
- kennel name;
- sex;
- Stud Book number;
- coat colour.

The following breeding-relevant observations recorded during litter inspection shall also be entered where applicable:

- disqualifying faults;
- tail defects;
- umbilical hernias;
- dewclaws;
- and any other significant abnormalities.

Each litter entry shall further include:

- date of birth;
- number of puppies born;
- number of puppies registered;
- breeder's name and address.

8.2.4 Form of Registration

Pedigree certificates issued as extracts from the Stud Book shall display **three or more generations of ancestry**.

The numbering system shall ensure a continuous and traceable sequence of Stud Book numbers.

Entries in the Stud Book and in the Register shall be maintained separately and each shall have its own numbering sequence.



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The assigned registration numbers shall clearly identify whether the dog is entered in the Stud Book or in the Register.

For dogs entered in the Register, the following additional information shall be recorded:

- date of the phenotype evaluation;
- location of the evaluation;
- name of the officiating breed judge.

During the period of provisional VDH membership, the Stud Book and Register shall be maintained by **VDH Service GmbH**.

8.3 Refusal of Registration

Registration of a litter shall be refused in the following cases:

- where the breeder is subject to a Stud Book suspension;
- where the sire belongs to another breed or is otherwise ineligible for registration;
- where the parentage of the puppies cannot be established beyond reasonable doubt.

8.4 Recognition of Other Stud Books

The DCD recognises all Stud Books maintained by member organisations of the **Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI)** and the **Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen (VDH)**.

8.5 Record of Dogs Excluded from Breeding

The DCD shall maintain an appendix to the Stud Book listing all dogs permanently excluded from breeding, together with the reason for such exclusion.

§ 9 Pedigree Certificate

9.1 General Provisions

The pedigree certificate forms an inseparable part of the dog.

It serves as the official proof of ancestry and corresponds exactly to the entries contained in the Stud Book.

Each pedigree certificate shall contain **at least three generations** of ancestry.

Pedigree certificates and export pedigrees shall not be charged separately to the purchaser of a dog.

For brood bitches, every litter, together with the date of whelping and litter size, shall be recorded on the pedigree certificate.



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These records shall also be entered on duplicate pedigree certificates.

9.2 Ownership of the Pedigree Certificate

The pedigree certificate remains the property of the **Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V.**

The DCD may require submission of the pedigree certificate at any time and, following the death of the dog, may request its return.

Where a dog is transferred into the Stud Book of another recognised breed club, the original pedigree certificate shall not be retained.

Instead, the accepting organisation shall endorse the original pedigree with:

- confirmation of the transfer;
- the newly assigned Stud Book number;
- date;
- signature;
- official stamp.

Additional transfer documents may be permanently attached to the original pedigree certificate.

9.3 Right of Possession

The following persons are entitled to possess the pedigree certificate:

- the legal owner of the dog;
- a pledgee during the existence of a lawful pledge, whose right of possession takes precedence over that of the owner.

The right to possess the pedigree certificate exists only as long as all obligations towards the DCD are fulfilled.

The DCD may retain the pedigree certificate for the duration of a Stud Book suspension.

If ownership is disputed, the pedigree certificate may be retained until the matter has been conclusively resolved.

9.4 Application for Pedigree Certificates

Pedigree certificates and registration certificates shall be issued promptly upon application, provided:

- all required documentation has been submitted; and
- all registration requirements have been fulfilled.



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9.5 Export Pedigrees

Where a dog is sold abroad, an official **Export Pedigree** shall be issued.

9.6 Invalidation of Pedigree Certificates

Lost pedigree certificates shall be declared invalid.

Following publication of the loss in the official DCD communications, the DCD may issue a duplicate after careful examination of the application and supporting evidence, subject to payment of the applicable fee.

For brood bitches, all previous litters shall also be entered on the duplicate.

Where false information has been supplied in connection with the application, the duplicate pedigree certificate may be declared invalid.

Every duplicate pedigree certificate shall bear the designation "**Duplicate.**"

9.7 Change of Ownership

Every transfer of ownership shall be recorded on the pedigree certificate, indicating:

- place;
- date;
- signature of the previous owner.

The transfer shall be documented to the DCD Stud Book Office by submitting a certified copy of the updated pedigree certificate.

Upon sale of a dog, the original pedigree certificate shall be handed over to the new owner without additional charge.

The same provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis to registration certificates.

§ 10 Register

Dogs without a pedigree certificate, or with a pedigree not recognised by the VDH or FCI, may, upon written application, be entered into the DCD Register following a successful **phenotype evaluation** conducted by a breed judge listed on the official VDH Judges Register and licensed to judge the Dobermann breed.

The official phenotype evaluation report shall form part of the registration documents.

Dogs descending from parents already entered in the Register shall likewise be entered in the Register.



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Where the ancestry of a line has been documented in the Register for **three consecutive generations**, descendants from the **fourth generation onwards** may be transferred to the Stud Book.

The Register shall be maintained in accordance with the VDH Breeding Regulations and the VDH Implementing Provisions governing Stud Book and Register administration.

The registration number of every dog entered into the Register for the first time shall be followed by the letter **"R."**

Registration certificates shall be clearly distinguishable from pedigree certificates issued by the DCD.

Each Registration Certificate shall prominently display the following statement:

"This Registration Certificate does not confer breeding approval and is intended solely for exhibition purposes."

Requirements for Phenotype Evaluation

1. Eligibility

The following conditions must be fulfilled:

- a) the dog must be at least **15 months of age**;
- b) the owner must submit the official DCD application form;
- c) the identity of the dog must be verified by means of an ISO-compliant microchip;
- d) payment of the applicable phenotype evaluation fee must be confirmed in accordance with the DCD Schedule of Fees.

2. Conduct of the Evaluation

The phenotype evaluation shall take place during an official DCD temperament assessment under the supervision of the **Chief Breeding Warden** and at least one breed judge licensed to judge Dobermanns.

During the period of provisional VDH membership, the Register shall be maintained by **VDH Service GmbH**, with all required documentation being collected and submitted by the DCD Administrative Office.

§ 11 Breeding Fees

The fees applicable to all breeding-related services shall be determined in the current **Schedule of Fees** of the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V. (DCD).



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§ 12 Violations

12.1 Supervision and Reporting

Compliance with these Breeding Regulations shall be monitored by the **Chief Breeding Warden** together with the **Breeding Wardens** of the DCD.

Every member is obliged to report any known violation of these Breeding Regulations to the DCD without undue delay.

12.2 Appeals

Any order or decision issued by the DCD Breeding Committee may be appealed in writing within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt.

The appeal must state the grounds on which it is based and shall be submitted to the Breeding Committee.

12.3 Disciplinary Measures

In the event of violations of:

- German animal welfare legislation,
- these Breeding Regulations,
- or directives and decisions issued by the DCD Breeding Committee,

the following disciplinary measures may be imposed either independently or in conjunction with other disciplinary sanctions:

- temporary suspension from the Stud Book;
- permanent suspension from the Stud Book;
- temporary breeding ban;
- permanent breeding ban.

12.4 Increased Registration Fees

The registration of a litter or the registration or transfer of individual dogs may be made subject to payment of increased registration fees in accordance with the DCD Schedule of Fees.

The DCD reserves the right to refuse registration entirely where the circumstances justify such action.

12.5 Grounds for a Breeding Ban

A breeding ban shall be imposed where:



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- proper housing or puppy-rearing conditions are not maintained;
- puppies are not transferred in accordance with the breeder's duty of care;
- the legally required authorisation to breed dogs under applicable animal welfare legislation is not held.

12.6 Scope of a Breeding Ban – Stud Dog Owners

A breeding ban imposed upon the owner of a stud dog shall prohibit not only the use of that stud dog for breeding but shall also extend to any brood bitches owned by the same person.

12.7 Scope of a Breeding Ban – Brood Bitch Owners

Correspondingly, where a breeding ban is imposed upon the owner of a brood bitch, the prohibition shall also apply to any stud dogs owned by that person.

Where the misconduct relates exclusively to the use of a stud dog, the disciplinary body may, in exceptional circumstances, limit the breeding ban to that specific area.

12.8 Mandatory Stud Book Suspension

A Stud Book suspension of **not less than one year** shall be imposed where a breeder has, through gross negligence or intentional misconduct,

- seriously violated essential breeding regulations; and/or
- breached the fundamental principle of breeding genetically healthy, temperamentally sound Dobermanns in a planned and responsible manner.

12.9 Offspring of Dogs Excluded from Breeding

Offspring produced from dogs excluded from breeding under Section 4.2 of these Regulations on health grounds shall themselves be recorded as **excluded from breeding**.

12.10 Duration of Sanctions

Where a Stud Book suspension or breeding ban is imposed for a fixed period, the duration shall commence upon the disciplinary decision becoming legally effective.

A provisional suspension may be imposed where appropriate.

Any period of provisional suspension shall be credited against the final period of suspension.

12.11 Competent Authority

The **Honorary Council (Ehrenrat)** of the DCD shall have exclusive jurisdiction over disciplinary proceedings under these Breeding Regulations.

Its decisions are final and are not subject to further appeal within the Association.



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12.12 Publication

All Stud Book suspensions and breeding bans shall be published in the official communications of the DCD.

§ 13 Miscellaneous

These Breeding Regulations are binding not only upon breeders but also upon all members of the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V.

Particular attention is drawn to the provisions of **Section 9 (Pedigree Certificates)**.

Non-members shall likewise be bound by these Regulations insofar as they make use of services or benefits provided under the DCD Breeding Regulations.

§ 14 Final Provisions

14.1 Severability

Should any provision of these Breeding Regulations be declared invalid or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected.

14.2 Status within the Constitution

These Breeding Regulations form an integral part of the Constitution (Statutes) of the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V.

Amendments shall enter into force upon registration in the Register of Associations.

14.3 Amendments

Any amendments to these Breeding Regulations shall become effective upon publication in the official communications of the DCD.

14.4 Publication

The current version of these Breeding Regulations shall be published on the official website of the Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V.

Every member and breeder is responsible for keeping themselves informed of the current regulations and any amendments thereto.

14.5 Entry into Force

These Breeding Regulations shall become effective upon their registration in the Register of Associations.



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Gender-Neutral Language

For the sake of readability, gender-neutral terminology has been used throughout these Breeding Regulations. All personal designations apply equally to persons of any gender.

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14.6 Governing Language

These Breeding Regulations have been translated into English for the convenience of international members and breeders.

The original German version is the sole authentic and legally binding text. In the event of any discrepancy or ambiguity arising from the English translation, the German version shall prevail.