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Rearing Conditions

Appendix 2 to the Breeding Regulations

Adopted by the General Meeting 2025, registered with the Local Court of Apolda on 5 June 2025, amended by the General Meeting of October 2025.

These Rearing Conditions are based on the applicable provisions of the **German Animal Welfare Act (TierSchG)**, the **German Animal Welfare Dog Ordinance (TierSchHuV)**, and the **VDH Breeding Regulations** (version dated 1 September 2024, registered with the Local Court of Dortmund on 21 May 2025).

In addition, the following housing and rearing requirements shall apply to all dogs owned by members of **Dobermann Club Deutschland e.V. (DCD e.V.)**.

1. Whelping Accommodation

1.1 Whelping Box

The internal dimensions of the whelping box shall be appropriate for the breed and shall be at least sufficient to accommodate the dam comfortably when lying fully extended on her side.

The whelping box shall be constructed from safe materials with rounded and smooth edges and shall be easy to clean and disinfect.

Protective anti-crush rails shall be fitted to the inside walls of the whelping box to prevent accidental injury to the puppies.

The design shall ensure that the brood bitch can enter and leave the whelping box freely at all times.

1.2 Location of the Whelping Box

The whelping box should be located within the residential area of the breeder's home or in accommodation directly adjoining the residence.

The rearing of puppies outside the officially approved and registered breeding establishment shall not be permitted.

The whelping room shall have a minimum floor area of **20 m²**.



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Until the puppies reach **three weeks of age**, the ambient temperature within the immediate puppy area shall be capable of being maintained at **not less than 25°C**.

2. Accommodation After Three Weeks of Age

2.1 Puppy Rearing Room

The puppy rearing room shall also have a minimum floor area of **20 m²**.

It shall be located on the breeder's property and in close proximity to the breeder's residence.

The room shall provide permanent direct access to a secure outdoor exercise area for both the puppies and the brood bitch.

It shall include:

- a draught-free, thermally insulated sleeping area;
- a sleeping area maintained at approximately **20°C** for the majority of the time; and
- a dry indoor exercise area.

The brood bitch shall be able to enter and leave the accommodation freely at all times.

In addition, a separate resting area for the brood bitch shall be provided within the room that is inaccessible to the puppies.

2.2 Outdoor Exercise Area

The puppies shall be provided with a sufficiently large outdoor exercise area to promote normal physical development and coordinated movement.

The exercise area shall be enclosed by secure fencing with a minimum height of **80 cm**.

The fencing shall not present any risk of injury to the puppies.

Part of the exercise area shall be covered to provide protection from both rain and direct sunlight.

The exercise area should offer a variety of ground surfaces and provide appropriate exposure to normal environmental stimuli.



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3. Puppy Rearing

During the entire puppy rearing period, the breeder shall ensure continuous supervision and care of the litter.

Throughout the rearing period, particular emphasis shall be placed on the puppies' early socialisation and gradual familiarisation with environmental stimuli.

The puppies shall, under knowledgeable supervision, become accustomed to both animate and inanimate aspects of their environment in order to promote healthy behavioural development.

4. Selection and Support of Puppy Buyers

The breeder shall carefully select prospective puppy buyers.

Following transfer of the puppy to its new owner, the breeder shall continue to provide advice and support regarding the puppy's care, health, upbringing, and training whenever required.

5. Verification of Compliance with the Rearing Conditions

Compliance with these Rearing Conditions shall be demonstrated at any time upon request to the **Head Breed Warden (HZW)**, the responsible **Breed Warden (ZW)**, the **Breeding Committee of DCD e.V.**, or any person authorised by them to conduct inspections.

Refusal to permit such inspection shall be deemed evidence that the required Rearing Conditions have not been fulfilled.

For reasons of readability, gender-neutral terminology is used throughout these Regulations.

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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.