

## **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL LTD POLICY STATEMENT**

## **RESPONSIBLE BREEDING**

Adopted October 2013

ANKC Ltd registered breeders must comply with the requirements of ANKC Ltd Regulations Part 6 and the ANKC Ltd Code of Ethics.

ANKC Ltd and its Member Bodies believe that breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly and with the aim of improving the overall health and wellbeing of the breed. Due consideration must be given to recognised hereditary characteristics in all breeds.

We are opposed to the production of dogs by those who breed for profit without regard for the health and wellbeing of the dogs.

ANKC Ltd registered breeders accept responsibility for placing their dogs in homes where the owners understand and are committed to responsible ownership and strongly support the desexing of companion dogs at an appropriate age for that breed.

We strongly oppose mandatory spaying/neutering which infringes upon the rights of ANKC Ltd registered breeders and owners who take and fulfil their responsibilities in a serious manner.