

Important breeder identification information every breeder must know



The NSW Government issues a breeder identification number (BIN) to people who breed dogs or cats in NSW.

From 1 December 2025, anyone breeding dogs in NSW must have a breeder identification number with **active dog breeder eligibility** to continue breeding dogs in NSW.

Anyone is considered a breeder if their dog or cat is pregnant or has had a litter, even if the litter was unintentional.

Changes to breeder identification numbers – 1 December 2025

- There will be two new BIN eligibility classes: dog and cat breeder.
- BINs issued before 1 December 2025 will not be cancelled or reissued. They will be updated with:
 - **Active** cat breeder eligibility
 - **Inactive** dog breeder eligibility
- Dog breeders with an existing BIN must activate dog breeder eligibility.
- BINs issued after 1 December 2025 will have both classes activated.

On **1 December 2025** breeder identification numbers will have two eligibility classes.



Cat breeders:



Active – no action required



Dog breeders:



Inactive – activate on the NSW Pet Registry

Who the changes apply to

- Anyone who is responsible for a dog that becomes pregnant must have a breeder identification number (BIN), even if the pregnancy was unintentional.
- If a dog becomes pregnant unexpectedly, the person in charge of the dog must apply for a BIN:
 - within 14 days after becoming aware of the pregnancy, or
 - 7 days after the dog gives birth.
- BINs are not mandatory for cat breeders. However, if you manage your litters online through the NSW Pet Registry, you will be issued a BIN.

Join the NSW Pet Registry

The easiest way to apply for a BIN, or activate dog breeder eligibility, is by logging in or creating an account on the NSW Pet Registry website.

petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au

With a NSW Pet Registry account you can manage all your pet-related tasks online:

- Create a litter, upload images and details for each litter pet.
- Send your litter for microchipping directly to your vet.
- Instantly transfer ownership.

Apply for a BIN or activate dog breeder eligibility offline

Download an application form from the NSW Pet Registry website. The Office of Local Government will review your application within 20 business days and notify you of the outcome via email. Incomplete applications may result in processing delays.

For more information

Contact the NSW Pet Registry helpline

Email: pets@olg.nsw.gov.au

Call: [1300 134 460](tel:1300134460)

Visit: petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au