

Frequently asked questions

Vets, authorised identifiers and councils

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How do I make sure a person has a BIN with active breeder eligibility?

Regardless of whether a breeder applies for a BIN online or offline, the breeder will be sent an email confirming their BIN and eligibility status.

- Vets, authorised identifiers, and councils can request this documentation to verify the breeder's eligibility status and assist with identifying pets on the registry.
- The [NSW Buyer Search](#) can be used to search a BIN and view the eligibility status.
- The NSW Pet Registry automatically displays the breeder's information and eligibility status when the mother's microchip number has been provided during the identification process.

What information must be recorded at time of identification?

A BIN and mother's microchip number must be recorded when identifying litters. We recommend vets and AI's request the breeder's BIN and the litter mother's microchip number at the time of making an appointment.

Is it a legislative requirement for vets and authorised identifiers (AI) to request a BIN?

Requesting a BIN helps vets and AIs confirm that dogs are bred and owned by individuals who comply with animal welfare laws in NSW. Using the BIN alongside the mother's microchip number allows vets and AIs to check a breeder's eligibility and the number of litters produced, supporting ethical breeding and helping safeguard animal welfare.

Lifetime breeding limits

Maximum litter caps

Female dogs are limited to a maximum of 5 litters in their lifetime, or 3 litters delivered by caesarean section - whichever comes first. The NSW Pet Registry shows a record of the number of litters a dog or cat has had in its lifetime.

Cap on caesarean delivery

If a female dog has had 2 caesarean deliveries, vets must provide a veterinary certificate confirming that further pregnancy will not pose a significant risk to her health before she can have additional litters.

Within 14 days of each birth, ensure written records are completed. These records must include:

- The date of delivery.
- The delivery method (caesarean or other).
- Vet's name and the veterinary practice for any caesarean deliveries.

Identify a litter for a designated rehoming organisation

When to use a rehoming organisation number (RON)

A RON should be recorded when on the NSW Pet Registry or P1A form when identifying a litter from:

- A pregnant dog taken into the organisation's custody.
- A dog that was seized or surrendered and became pregnant accidentally while in the organisation's care.

When to use a breeder identification number (BIN)

A BIN should be recorded when on the NSW Pet Registry or on the Permanent Identification P1A form when microchipping dog litters that are intentionally bred.

Process a change of ownership for a designated rehoming organisation

- Use the Change of owner by animal welfare organisation or council pound C3B form when transferring ownership of puppies and dogs when they are adopted by new homes (this applies \$0 registration for new owners).
- Use the Change of ownership C3A form when transferring ownership of an intentionally bred dog or puppy (standard registration fee applies).

Upcoming updates

- Litter delivery method recorded at time of litter identification.
- Enhanced search functionality and BIN information in the Companion Animals Register.
- Updated P1A and C3A forms. Vets, authorised identifiers and councils are advised to continue using the current forms for all applicable processes until further notice.

Contact Us

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Our dedicated team is available Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.