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Domestic Animals Act 1994
AMENDMENT OF CODE
CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE OPERATION OF BREEDING
AND REARING BUSINESSES 2014

I, Jaala Pulford, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for administration of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994** (the Act), in accordance with section 59 of the Act, make the following amendments to the Code of Practice for the Operation of Breeding and Rearing Businesses 2014 (the Code):

Amendments

1. For 'DEPI' (wherever occurring) **substitute** 'DEDJTR'.
2. For 'www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets' (wherever occurring) **substitute** 'www.vic.gov.au/pets'.
3. In **Section 1 Introduction**, after:
'the enterprise has 10 or more fertile female dogs or 10 or more fertile female cats; or'
insert
'the enterprise has between 3 and 9 fertile female dogs or between 3 and 9 fertile female cats in circumstances where more than 2 of the fertile female dogs or fertile female cats (as the case may be) are not registered with the applicable organisation; or'
4. In **Section 1 Introduction**, for:
'Dog breeders with 3–5 fertile breeding dogs (males and females), who are NOT members of an applicable organisation, must comply with Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Section 6 Parts 6(1)–6(5)(d).'**substitute**
'Dog breeders with 3–5 fertile breeding dogs (males and females), who do NOT meet the applicable organisation member exemption, must comply with Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Section 6 Parts 6(1)–6(5)(d).'
5. In **Part 1(1) Definitions**, for:
'DEPI: Department of Environment and Primary Industries'
substitute
'DEDJTR: Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources'.
6. In **Part 1(1) Definitions**, for the definition of **Domestic animal business**
substitute
' **Domestic animal business**: has the same meaning as in the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**.'
In **Part 1(1) Definitions**, in the definition of **Hunting dogs** for 'Secretary of the DEDJTR'
substitute
'**Game Management Authority**'.
7. In **Part 6(3)(c) Breeding females**, after:
'Veterinary practitioners must provide a certificate to state that, at the time of examination, the female is suitable to breed'.
insert
'A veterinary practitioner must provide a general health check within 4 weeks prior to all subsequent seasons in which the owner intends to mate the female'.

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8. In **Part 6(4)(a) Exercise and enrichment**, for:

‘Puppies less than 8 weeks of age must be moved outside of their housing area for exercise each day (see Table 1).’

substitute

‘Puppies more than 8 weeks of age must be moved outside of their housing area for exercise each day (see Table 1).’

Commencement

These amendments to the Code come into operation on 1 July 2015.

Dated 30 June 2015

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Minister for Agriculture

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