

# NATIONAL BORDER COLLIE COUNCIL (Australia)

AGENDA: Annual General Meeting 12 March 2011, Brisbane  
Venue and time to be advised

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous AGM held on 3 July 2010 at Bulla Exhibition Centre, Uniting Lane Bulla in the State of Victoria. (*delegates confirmed the draft minutes via email 16 July, 2010*)
  - 3.1 Confirm minutes of 3 July 2010
  - 3.2 Business Arising from the minutes of 3 July 2010
    - 3.2.1 Breed Standard amendments (item 3.1.1)
    - 3.2.2 Border Collie database to Jeremy Shearman (item 3.1.2)
    - 3.2.3 National Show DVD (item 11.2)
    - 3.2.4 Sub-Committee continuance (item 11.3)
    - 3.2.5 Communication between member clubs (item 11.4.1)
    - 3.2.6 Confidentiality at ANKC meetings (item 11.4.2)
    - 3.2.7 Implementation of Breed Survey and follow on with Litter Registration limitations (item 11.4.3)
4. Presidents Report
  - 4.1 Reflection of year
5. Secretary's Report
  - 5.1 Reflection of year
  - 5.2 Correspondence Incoming (emailed to member clubs time of receipt)
  - 5.3 Correspondence outgoing (emailed to member clubs time of issue)
  - 5.4 NBCC Finances and Accounts for payment
  - 5.5 Review NBCC member clubs affiliation fee commencing 1 Jan 2012
6. Health and Hereditary Disorders Report
7. Education and Training Report
8. Breed Standard Working Party Report
9. Website Report
  - 9.1 Approve payment of account 1 June 2011 thru 31 May 2012
10. National Breeds Conference 2010
11. Motions Submitted by Member clubs
12. General Business
  - 12.1 Election of President NBCC
  - 12.2 Update on 3<sup>rd</sup> Border Collie National event

## MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER CLUBS (ITEM 11 THIS AGENDA)

Key to reading this document:

Motion appears in **blue** wording

Rationale appears as *burgundy* wording, in *italics*

Cited motion from previous meeting appears as black wording

## SUBMITTED BY BCC OF TASMANIA

### BCC of Tas 1.

The National Border Collie Council use the acronym “NBC/SC” to refer to the ANKC Conference of National Breed Councils.

*Rationale: To reduce confusion between initialization references to the National Breed Councils Conference, National Border Collie Council, National Borzoi Council, National Beagle Council, National Boxer Council, National British Bulldog Breed Council and National Bullmastiff Council, the National Border Collie Council (NBCC) should refer to the National Breed Councils Conference (previously referred to as NBCC) as NBC/SC to distinguish between the two separate bodies.*

### BCC of Tas 2.

The ANKC be requested to implement Item 7 from the AGM of 2008 immediately.

**7. That no litter registration restrictions apply in regard to colour unless a national breed survey is conducted by the ANKC and the majority of owners vote in favour of those restrictions.**

BCC OF QLD  
Against

BCC OF NSW  
In Favour

NSWSDCBCC  
In Favour

BCC OF VIC  
Against

BCC OF TAS  
In Favour

**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

*Rationale: Item 7 (AGM 2008) was voted IN FAVOUR two years ago and has not yet been implemented.*

### BCC of Tas 3.

The ANKC be requested to implement Item 17 from the AGM of 2008 immediately.

**17. That the NBCC request that any border collies which have been affected by the decision to Limit register non standard colours be able to be up-graded to main register at the request of the breeder, as the standard does not state colour as a disqualifying fault.**

BCC OF QLD  
In Favour

BCC OF NSW  
In Favour

NSWSDCBCC  
In Favour

BCC OF VIC  
Against

BCC OF TAS  
In Favour

**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

*Rationale: Item 17 (AGM 2008) was voted IN FAVOUR two years ago and has not yet been implemented.*

### BCC of Tas 4.

The NBCC rescind Motion 15. from the AGM of 2008 (The ANKC conduct and implement the attached breed survey amongst all owners of registered border collies, to determine the colours and patterns that are included in the breed standard according to registered owners preference.)

*Rationale: Numerous motions from the 2008 AGM effected such a survey the results of voting are recorded in the minutes a further survey is un-necessary. It was suggested by the president that Item 15 be sent first to ANKC re survey. This suggestion lapsed at the AGM 2008*

### BCC of Tas 5.

The NBCC rescind Motion 25. from the AGM of 2008

**25. That the NBCC conduct a survey to establish if owners and breeders of border collies in Australia wish to have any colours other than those currently described in the breed standard included or any of the currently included colours deleted from the standard. The survey would need to list each variation of naturally occurring colour individually to achieve consensus.**

BCC OF QLD  
In Favour

BCC OF NSW  
In Favour

NSWSDCBCC  
In Favour

BCC OF VIC  
Against

BCC OF TAS  
In Favour

**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

*Rationale: It is two years since the NBCC was requested to survey owners & breeders of Border Collies in Australia and the NBCC has failed to conduct such a survey.*

*Numerous motions from the 2008 AGM effected a similar survey the results of voting are recorded in the minutes, a further survey is un-necessary.*

BCC of Tas 6.

The ANKC be requested to implement the amendments to the breed standard voted for at the 2008 NBCC AGM (Items 11, 12, 13 & 19) immediately.

The breed standard reference to colour be amended to read:

Body colour: black, blue, chocolate, red or lilac (with or without the merle pattern) to predominate. White markings are characteristic on the face, neck, legs, under carriage and the tip of the tail. Tan points permitted on all standard body colours.

**11. The Australian breed standard for the border collie be amended to include all basic colours of merle and white in the description of colour.**

BCC OF QLD In Favour	BCC OF NSW In favour	NSWSDCBC Against	BCC OF VIC Against	BCC OF TAS In Favour
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**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

**12. The colour tri-colour in the Australian breed standard for the border collie be amended from black, tan and white to include all basic body colours with tan and white.**

BCC OF QLD In Favour	BCC OF NSW In Favour	NSWSDCBCC In Favour	BCC OF VIC Against	BCC OF TAS In Favour
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**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

**13. The Australian breed standard for the border collie be amended to include lilac and white in the description of colour.**

BCC OF QLD In Favour	BCC OF NSW In Favour	NSWSDCBCC In Favour	BCC OF VIC Against	BCC OF TAS In Favour
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**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

**19. That the colour description of blue merle in the border collie breed standard be amended to blue merle and white.**

BCC OF QLD Against	BCC OF NSW In Favour	NSWSDCBCC Against	BCC OF VIC In Favour	BCC OF TAS In Favour
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**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

*Rationale. Items 11, 12, 13, 19 (AGM 2008) was voted IN FAVOUR two years ago and has not yet been implemented.*

### BCC of Tas 7.

The Border Collie Breed Standard Extension be amended to read:

#### COLOUR

Standard - Black and white, blue and white, chocolate and white, red and white, blue Merle and the tri-colour black, tan and white. In each case the basic body colour must predominate and be the background colour of the dog.

Black and white Black being the predominant colour with white markings  
Slight rustiness should not be penalised.

Blue and white Blue being the predominant colour with white markings  
Blue can range from a silvery grey to charcoal.

Chocolate and white Chocolate being the predominant colour with white markings.  
Chocolate can range from a light brown to a burnt umber.

Red and white Red being the predominant colour with white markings  
Red can range from pale gold through to rich ginger.

Lilac and White Lilac being the predominate colour with white markings  
Lilac is pale to medium taupe (mouse grey) or fawn.

Merle pattern is permissible on all body colours, predominantly clear silver coat, splashed and marbled with the basic body colour. Large markings, or a rusty tinge either on the top or under coat are undesirable

Tan markings are permissible on all basic body colours. Rich tan is desirable.

Tan usually occurs over the eyes, on the cheeks and under the tail. Tan may also occur on the forelegs and stifles (where coat colour and white markings meet).

There should be no doubt about what colour the coat is and each specific colour should be distinguishable from the others, i.e. there should be no confusion between the black and the blue colours, nor between the chocolate and the red colours.

White usually occurs in the following places but lesser amounts of white are equally acceptable - on the muzzle, a blaze extending from the muzzle between the eyes, over the head, and through to a full or part white collar around the neck; on the forechest and underbelly; on the front legs to the elbow; rear pasterns to the hock, feet, and approximately the last one quarter of the tail.

Beware - uneven markings can create optical illusions of structure or movement. For example, a vertical line from withers to elbow can create the impression of a straight shoulder and uneven leg markings can be confusing to the eye when the dog is moving. Markings are secondary to breed type.

*Rationale The Breed Standard Extension needs to be amended to conform with the amendments to the breed standard.*

#### BCC of Tas 8.

The Border Collie Breed Standard and the Breed Standard Extension be amended to read:

Standard:

COAT - Double coated, with a moderately long, dense, medium textured topcoat while the undercoat is short, soft and dense, making a weather resisting protection, with sufficient coat to form mane, breeching and brush. On face, ear tips, forelegs (except for feather), hind legs from hock to ground, the hair is short and smooth.

Breed Standard Extension:

#### COAT

Standard - Double coated, with a moderately long, dense, medium textured topcoat while the undercoat is short, soft and dense, making a weather resisting protection, with sufficient coat to form mane, breeching and brush. On face, ear tips, forelegs (except for feather), hind legs from hock to ground, the hair is short and smooth.

Body coat of the Border Collie should not be so abundant or curly, as to detract from the graceful outline of the animal. The coat may be straight or have a slight wave.

The complete absence of undercoat is to be regarded as a fault in an adult dog as this will reduce the coats insulating quality. The medium textured top coat gives a waterproofing quality and together with the undercoat will effect the dog's capacity for enduring working conditions. Bitches are generally not as heavily coated as dogs.

The hair should be sufficiently long on the rear of the front legs, between elbow and pastern, to form a distinct feather, and on the rear of the thighs the coat should form a breeching. The tail should have sufficient coat to form a brush.

Each colour of coat, including white, tends to have a different texture.

The Baby Puppy Border Collie has one coat until he/she is about four to five months old, and then his/her second coat (or outer coat) will start to grow from the shoulder blades area and down the back, growing in length until it eventually covers the first coat, which is then the undercoat. This coat is usually much softer than that required for an adult Border Collie, and could possibly retain 'puppy fluff' around the head and breeching.

*Rationale The Dictionary defines the adjective ABUNDANT as present in great quantity; more than adequate; oversufficient: the use of the word “abundant” to describe the coat of a Border Collie encourages judges to award dogs with an excessive coat which is inappropriate for a working dog developed in Australia, an abundant coat impedes performance and attracts grass seeds. The Breed Standard Extension needs to be amended to conform with the amendments to the breed standard*

#### BCC of Tas 9.

The ANKC be requested to amend the reference to nose colour in the Border Collie Breed Standard and Breed Standard Extension to read:

HEAD The nose colour will indicate the basic pigment colour of the dog i.e. black, blue (slate), chocolate (liver), lilac (fawn). The nose colour will match the coat colour except where the dog is red when the nose may be any of the four pigment colours.

The nose will be fully pigmented except in merles where a small unpigmented pink area is permissible.

As per Item 3 from the 2008 AGM -

#### **3. That the nose colour section of the breed standard be change to:**

**The nose colour will indicate the basic pigment colour of the dog i.e. black, blue (slate), chocolate (liver), lilac (fawn). The nose colour will match the coat colour except where the dog is red, merle or sable the nose may be any of the four pigment colours. The nose will be fully pigmented except in merles where a small unpigmented pink area is permissible.**

BCC OF QLD  
In Favour

BCC OF NSW  
In Favour

NSWSDCBCC  
Against

BCC OF VIC  
Against

BCC OF TAS  
In Favour

*Rationale: The amendment to the nose colour was voted FOR two years ago and has not yet been implemented*

#### BCC of Tas 10.

The ANKC be requested to amend the reference to eye colour in the Border Collie Breed Standard and Breed Standard Extension to read:

Standard:

EYES the eyes are set wide apart, oval in shape of moderate size harmonizing with the nose pigment of the dog. Blue eyes are permissible in merles. The expression is mild but keen, alert and intelligent.

As per Items 1 & 4 voted for at the AGM 2008

**1. That the eye colour also include:**

**Merles may have one or both eyes blue, part blue or marbled.**

BCC OF QLD

In Favour

BCC OF NSW

In Favour

NSWSDCBCC

Against

BCC OF VIC

Against

BCC OF TAS

In Favour

**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

**4. That the eye colour in the standard be amended to read:**

**The eye colour should harmonise with the pigment (nose) colour of the dog.**

**Mid to dark brown in dogs with black pigment.**

**Mid to light brown in dogs with chocolate pigment.**

**Mid to light hazel/brown in dogs with blue or lilac pigment.**

BCC OF QLD

In Favour

BCC OF NSW

In Favour

NSWSDCBCC

Against

BCC OF VIC

Against

BCC OF TAS

In Favour

**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

**Breed Standard Extension**

**EYES**

**Standard - *The eyes are set wide apart, oval shaped of moderate size, harmonizing with the nose pigment of the dog***

***The expression is mild but keen, alert and intelligent.***

Although the standard no longer requires the eye colour to be brown, to allow for the different coat colours, it is still appropriate for brown to be specifically mentioned for the eye colour of the Border Collie. In blacks, tri-colour and red Border Collies, the eye colour is essentially brown, darker brown preferred. Black or yellow eyes are undesirable because they detract from the characteristic mild expression of the Border Collie. The chocolate Border Collie may have lighter brown eyes, Blues may have hazel eyes and Lilacs may have amber eyes. Blue merles may have brown eyes or (one or both, or part of one or both) blue or blue flecked.

Please note the word 'mild' with regard to expression. Incorrect eye shape, colour and size gives the dog an uncharacteristic expression. This includes a hard eye.

A 'hard' eye can be one or more of the following incorrect eye characteristics:

- a. Too light or too dark an eye colour.
- b. Incorrect eye shape or position.
- c. Eyes not set well enough into the sockets.



- d. An 'unkind' or penetrating expression of the eyes.
- e. Bulging eyes.

*Rationale: The amendment to the eye colour was voted FOR two years ago and has not yet been implemented*

#### BCC of Tas 11.

NBCC conduct a survey to determine the incidence of Discoid *lupus* erythematosus (collie nose) in Border Collies

*Rationale: The NBCC should establish data on the incidence of diseases known to occur in the Border Collie population so as to prioritise research into the genetics of such diseases.*

#### BCC of Tas 12.

NBCC conduct a survey to determine the incidence of Epilepsy in Border Collies

*Rationale: The NBCC should establish data on the incidence of diseases known to occur in the Border Collie population so as to prioritise research into the genetics of such diseases.*

#### BCC of Tas 13.

NBCC conduct a survey to determine the incidence diabetes in Border Collies

*Rationale: The NBCC should establish data on the incidence of diseases known to occur in the Border Collie population so as to prioritise research into the genetics of such diseases.*

#### BCC of Tas 14.

NBCC request ANKC to rescind regulation 4.2.9

4. CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF THE WORD "NATIONAL" IN THE NAME OF A BREED CLUB'S CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

4.2.9 In all other sections of a National Breed fixture other than Conformation Classes, only dogs registered on the ANKC Main Register, ANKC Limited Register or the Stud Book Register of a Recognised Overseas Canine Controlling Body can compete.  
(Amended 02/09)

*Rationale: The members of National Breed councils were not given the opportunity to vote for or against the implementation of this regulation which impacts the conduct of National fixtures.*

#### BCC of Tas 15.

The ANKC be requested to implement the registration of ISDS immediately as per requests from two previous NBCC AGMs, the AGM 2008 Item 27

The NBCC write to the ANKC requesting that ISDS registered dogs be recognised in Australia and granted ANKC registration.

BCC OF QLD  
In Favour

BCC OF NSW  
In Favour

NSWSDCBC  
Abstain

BCC OF VIC  
Against

BCC OF TAS  
In Favour

**RESULT: IN FAVOUR**

*Rationale: Item 27 (AGM 2008) was voted IN FAVOUR two years ago and has not yet been implemented.*

#### BCC of Tas 16.

The National Border Collie Council up-date the minutes & reports section of the website to include minutes from the 2007, 2008 and 2009 AGMs.

*Rationale: The minutes & reports section of the NBCC is currently incomplete.*

### SUBMITTED BY BCC OF NEW SOUTH WALES

#### BCC of NSW 1.

Motion: "That all future National shows, including 2012, be restricted to Main Register (MR) Border Collies for conformation and Main Register (MR) and Limited Register (LR) Border Collies for all other activities. No other dogs are be eligible for any discipline."

*Rationale: The Border Collie National should be restricted to only purebred registered Border Collies. In the past two nationals there were cases where the eligibility of a number of dogs, particularly in the performance disciplines was unclear, the regulation would then give all future hosts of National Border Collie Shows some clear direction as to which dogs are eligible to compete and which dogs are not.*

*It also eliminates the weakening of a National event by have dogs other than Border Collies competing in performance events such as herding, dancing with dogs, flyball, agility or obedience. A Border Collie National should be only for Border Collies.*

## **SUBMITTED BY BCC OF VICTORIA**

### **BCCV 1.**

**“That the Main and Limited registration certificates be uniform throughout all State/Territory Canine Councils.”**

*Rationale: By all state canine councils issuing different documents for both these registers it can cause confusion, not only in Australia but also Overseas.*

### **BCCV 2.**

**“That no Border Collie Club, when hosting a National show, can apply for any part of the national event competitions to be open to any other breed or registry apart from ANKC Main and Limited registered border collies or to pure bred border collies registered on an approved overseas registry as per ANKC regulation 4.2.8 and 4.2.9.”**

*Rationale: National Border Collie Championship Show and Trials are conducted for the benefit of the Border Collie breed. As part of the ANKC regulations for forming a National Breed Council state a National breed council is formed by member organisations (state breed clubs) whose purpose is as follows and as stated in the ANKC regulations “Any organisation formed for the sole purpose of promoting an interest in, or the improvement and development of a specific breed of dog, and/or varieties of that breed” therefore to allow the competition or exhibition of an animal outside of the regulations 4.2.8 and 4.2.9 will contravene the regulations pertaining to the formation of a National Breed Council. As the Border Collie breed is numerically strong in all disciplines as is evidenced by past National show and Trial entries there is no foreseeable reason why a club would need to apply for an open event in any discipline.*

# MEMBER CLUB VOTING PREFERENCES

Please use this table to record your member club preferences (place X in one box only for each motion as it appears on line).

This table may assist your delegate in communicating your Clubs preferences at the NBCC AGM in March 2011. If your delegate is not going to be present at the AGM, this table may be forwarded to the NBCC Secretary (with the minutes of meeting where the members voted) not less than 5 days prior to the AGM.

CLUB MOTION	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
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Victoria 1			
Victoria 2			

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