



**Working dogs & Registration
Self Assessment Checklist
Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008**

The following details are provided to assist dog owners in establishing if their dog/s qualify as a working dog in accordance with the Queensland Government *Animal Management (cats & Dogs) Act 2008* and the *Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Regulation 2009*.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

1. Are you a primary producer? YES NO

A 'Primary Producer' is a person who's main occupation is a farmer (dairy, grain, cane, fruit, grazier, etc.)

If you ticked yes, please provide further details or attach documents to support that you qualify as a 'Primary Producer'.

2. Do you live on Rural land? YES NO

Just being zoned Rural Land does not qualify you under the new Act. Rural land for the purpose of the legislation means your land is used for grazing stock or cultivating crops on a **commercial basis**.

If you ticked yes, please provide further details or attach documents to support that you qualify.

3. Is your dog a working dog? YES NO

This means your dog/s is usually kept on rural land (as outlined above) **and** is kept/owned by a primary producer (as outlined above), or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer, **and** is used primarily for the purpose of droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock **and** has not been declared a dangerous or menacing dog (prescribed under *Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Regulation 2009*).

If you ticked yes, please provide further details or attach documents to support that you qualify.

If you ticked 'no' to any of the above questions, your dog/s do not qualify as a 'working dog'

Signed: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Extract - *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*

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Chapter 3 Registration: Part 1 Particular person's obligations

Section 44 (Registration obligation)

- (1) This section does not apply to
 - a. the operator of a pound or shelter; or
 - b. the owner of a cat or dog less than 12 weeks old.
- (2) An owner of a cat or dog must comply with section 46 to register the cat or dog in the relevant local government's area within 14 days after starting to keep the cat or dog in the area unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

- (3) A person who becomes an owner of a cat or dog must comply with section 46 to register the cat or dog in the relevant local government's area within 14 days unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—20 penalty units.

- (4) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (2) or (3) for the defendant to prove the cat or dog is
 - a. a government entity dog; or
 - b. a working dog; or**
 - c. another class of cat or dog prescribed under a regulation.

Schedule 2 Dictionary

'primary producer' means a person primarily engaged in the occupation of a

- (i) dairy farmer; or
- (ii) wheat, maize, or cereal grower; or
- (iii) cane grower; or
- (iv) fruit grower; or
- (v) grazier; or
- (vi) farmer, whether engaged in general or mixed farming, cotton, potato, or vegetable growing, or poultry or pig raising; and

includes a person engaged in primary production.

'rural land' means land used for grazing stock or cultivating crops on a commercial basis.

'working dog' means a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept

- (i) on rural land; and
- (ii) by an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; and
- (iii) primarily for the purpose of—
 - a. droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; or
 - b. being trained in droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; and

does not include a class of dog prescribed under a regulation.