

EXTRACT FROM DOGS QUEENSLAND GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENT REGARDING ILL INFORMED GOSSIP AND ACCUSATIONS WITHIN THE DOG BREEDING INDUSTRY. DOGBLOG APRIL 2010



from the general manager

Welcome to the fourth edition of 'Dog Blog'. If you have friends that are members who are not getting the Blog, please send an email to dogblog@dogsqueensland.org.au with 'Have not received Dog Blog' in subject heading and quoting Membership Number.

Recently our office and President received communications from members who expressed concern about an alleged outbreak of parvo virus. Any such communications are treated seriously however, without evidence it is impossible to act.

Our office conducted research into the allegations by speaking numerous and at length with our member who owns the kennels resulting in the lodging of a Statutory Declaration with us. It is possible, although not proven by a vet, a dog infected with parvo virus came onto her property whilst she was exhibiting her dogs at a location remote from her kennels and she has not returned her dogs to her kennels in case there was an infection. This Declaration was willingly provided and illustrates our member acted responsibly so as to limit any future transference of the disease.

Since the original communications our office has received many more telephone calls and there has been a great deal of ill informed comment on social networking sites. Many of the comments allege that neither the member concerned nor our office, have taken this matter seriously. This is simply untrue and to make this statement is a disgrace. Our office has been in constant contact with the member and on the available evidence our member's actions have been responsible and appropriate.

Remember that the communication received did not contain any evidence and was merely rumour, innuendo and speculation without any supported foundation. Allegations such as these may be made against any member and we cannot and will not act without clear independent evidence supporting the allegations.

The idea of forums, in my opinion, is to spark healthy debate among people with a common interest, not to belittle people when you are not in full receipt of the facts. I fully expect not to see a repeat of this type of thing in the future and hope that everyone is given a fair go.

Unfounded allegations made either directly to our office or on public social networking sites will be reviewed by our legal team to determine if any of our Code of Ethics and Rules have been breached and this will also include an examination of possible cases of Defamation.