

Breeding requirements

Below is a list of requirements before a dog can be bred. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@southafricanmastiff.co.za

Minimum Requirement:

The first minimum requirement is that each dog, before it can be used for breeding, must:

- be identified by a microchip
- it must pass an official Hip Dysplasia test and
- it must receive a grading of at least "G" (Good) from a qualified judge assessing the breed survey.
 - In order to receive the "G" grading a dog must be free of disqualifying faults as laid down in the Breed standard, may not be afraid of a gunshot and must pass a basic temperament test.
- In addition, bitches must be at least 14 months old and males at least 16 months old at the time of breeding.
- As of the year 2019 DNA profiling has become mandatory for all registered breed stock. All imported stock must be DNA proven.

Strictest Requirement:

While the above is the minimum standard, a second level of breeding has been developed whereby additional standards of parents are identified in the progeny by a special pedigree. To qualify for this level of pedigree:

- the parents of the puppies must pass a 10 km endurance test
- as well as a very advanced temperament test.
- Both parents further require having passed a Breed Survey, which includes a very detailed examination of the conformation and a test for drive, tolerance and courage.

About the Breed Survey

PURPOSE: To promote uniformity in South African Mastiff® breeding, especially in the breeding of working dogs, to promote the correct temperament as well as to provide an ever-growing pool of bloodstock in which the use of dogs with disqualifying faults has been eliminated.