

National Rottweiler Council Australia



Breed Surveyors Assessment Scheme Proposed structure and Educational Program

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Proposed structure of the NRCA Breed Surveyors Assessment program

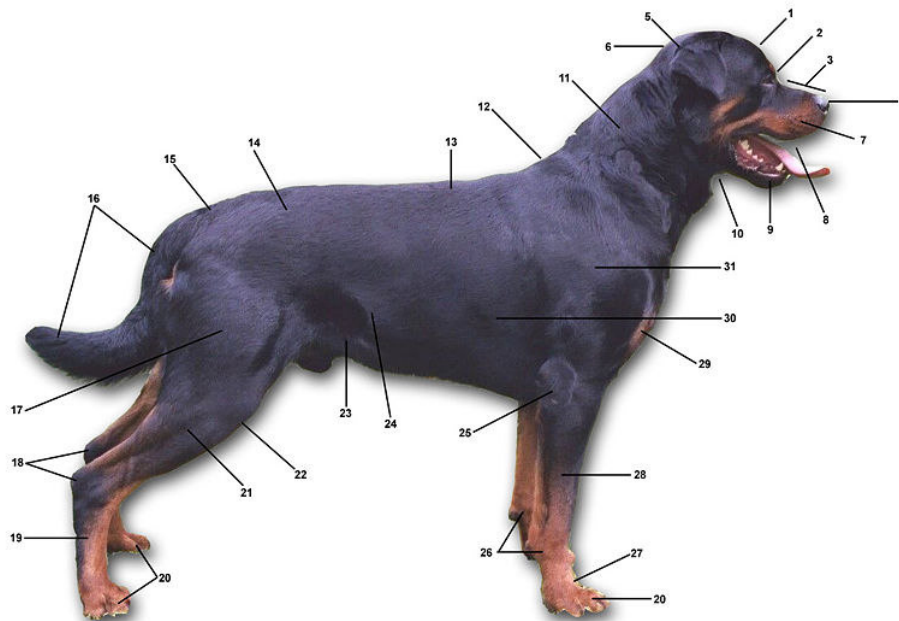
Suggested assessment and procedure criteria for aspiring NRCA Breed Surveyors

- The applicant must be a financial member of an affiliated member club of the NRCA.
- The applicant must have adhered to their state's and kennel control's codes of ethics.
- The applicant must have owned, exhibited, and bred Rottweilers for a minimum period of ten (10) years.
- The applicant is to provide a personal written submission on their activities within the breed. The matters covered should include but not be limited to; club involvement, public education endeavours, and non-show activities such as trialling, be it obedience, tracking, agility, service work, or other activities that have enhanced the reputation of the Rottweiler.
- His or her breeding activity is to have included a minimum of four (4) litters, from which the resultant and nominated Rottweilers have complied with the NRCA Hereditary disease schemes.
- The applicant has achieved at least a minimum of three (3) NRCA breed survey passes with Rottweilers either owned, or bred.
- The applicant has achieved at least a minimum of five (5) gradings of excellent for each of the nominated Rottweilers either owned or bred.
- The applicant holds an ANKC judging licence, or other formal judging qualification that is recognised within the breed. Where this is not held, the application is to be considered on merit.
- Where some of the aforementioned mentioned criteria is not met or satisfied, then the application is to be considered on its merits.
- The applicant must have their application endorsed by a member club of the NRCA in their state or territory of domicile. Those applicants, who reside in states or territories not represented by state member bodies of the NRCA, may have their application supported by a member club of the NRCA. Upon receipt of formal endorsement, the member clubs at the next annual general meeting of the NRCA must ratify the nomination and appointment.

Educational program to be undertaken by NRCA Breed Surveyors

Suggested Course Modules:

- The Rottweiler Anatomy



- Evaluating the construction of the Rottweiler.
- Areas to be covered; The construction whilst standing, embracing the overall picture and proportions, balance, expression and sex characteristics, size (measuring the withers height, depth of chest, chest girth and trunk length), bone strength and weight, muscles and stability, skin and coat, colour and markings. Further detail to cover: skull shape & strength, jaw development, teeth and neck. Withers and back including the loin, fore and under chest, ribs, belly, stomach and sex organs, shoulders and front legs, croup slope as well as fore- and hind angulations.
- Evaluating the movement of the Rottweiler.
- Areas to be covered; the movement in walk and trot, on lead and free moving, freedom of shoulder and forward movement. Thrust and hindquarter flow, thrust over back, behaviour of muscles and joints during movement, reduction or increase of possible faults noticed earlier.
- Critiquing the Dog
- Areas to be covered; the art of the written and oral critique, how to structure and deliver the assessment.

- **Evaluating the Temperament and Character of the Rottweiler**

- Areas to be covered; Genetics and their influence, the importance of hormones and physical wellbeing, early maternal and litter imprinting, developing the young dog and the owners influence. Social behaviours – aggression, fear, pack order and its importance.
- Drive theory. The importance of play, prey, fight, and protection drives. How are these developed and assessed.
- Assessment and review of the various worldwide testing programs for the Rottweiler
- Helper work and the importance of correct interaction.

- **The Training and Development of the modern day Rottweiler.**

- Areas to be covered: The use of various training methods, and the use of punishment, positive and negative reinforcement theory and practice. How to develop a training program for the Rottweiler from puppy to adulthood for the individual. Behaviour assessment and modification. The role of clubs and there training responsibilities.

- **The NRCA Breed Survey Program**

- Areas to be covered: Review of the current program. How to run a breed survey,
- Responsibilities to the owners and handlers. Assessment and completion of the paperwork.

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