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ON THE MOVE THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD

TATTOOING SYSTEMS - YEAR CODES EXPLAINED

HOW DOES THE TATTOOING SYSTEM WORK AND CAN WE USE A LETTERING SYSTEM?

How you start your references is up to each individual stud, however tattoos must match the firebrand on the beast and the registration certificate.

You are allowed to use a lettering system that ties in with the current year. Please refer to below table:

YEAR CODES

Most breeders use an alphabetic character as part of their animal tattoo to indicate year of birth.

To avoid confusion, a standard system has been adopted in Australia using all letters except I and O.

As well, a colour system for ear tags has been adopted, with the recommended colours below:

YEAR	LETTER	COLOUR
2010	F	ORANGE
2011	G	GREEN
2012	H	PURPLE
2013	J	YELLOW
2014	K	RED
2015	L	BLUE
2016	M	BLACK
2017	N	WHITE
2018	P	ORANGE
2019	Q	GREEN
2020	R	PURPLE
2021	S	YELLOW
2022	T	RED
2023	U	BLUE
2024	V	BLACK
2025	W	WHITE
2026	X	ORANGE
2027	Y	GREEN
2028	Z	PURPLE
2029	A	YELLOW