



THE KENNEL CLUB
Making a difference for dogs

FORM TO REQUEST DNA PARENTAGE ANALYSIS

Some guidance notes:

How does the parentage analysis service work?

Parentage analysis involves the comparison of the DNA profiles of related dogs, usually to rule out the possibility of one or more dogs from being a sire to a puppy or puppies. The dam is usually not in question. Any dogs or bitches that need to be included in parentage analysis must, therefore, be DNA profiled first (unless there is already a KC DNA profile on record for them) and a separate DNA profile request form should be completed for each dog to be profiled before parentage analysis can take place. On receipt of this request, a profiling kit will be sent to the owner of each dog. If the current owner of a dog is not the registered owner, we will need to know this to avoid sending the profiling kit to the wrong person.

How long will it take?

DNA profiles are currently taking approximately 4 weeks to be completed, so if your need to verify parentage is urgent, you should point this out to us so that we can try to ensure that there are no delays at any stage of the process.

If in doubt, check parentage before registration!

Breeders should be aware that if multiple matings of a bitch during the same season have occurred, it is possible for more than one dog to be the sire of different puppies from the same litter. Therefore, for KC registration purposes, it is necessary to include all puppies in the parentage analysis in order to ensure correct parentage (KC Rule B16 details).

What happens next?

On completion of parentage analysis, the KC will inform, in writing, the person who has applied for (and who is usually the person who has paid for) the analysis. Certificates of DNA profiling will be issued for each dog that has been profiled to enable the parentage analysis, provided that there is clear evidence of individual identification e.g. it would be advisable to have a litter of black Labradors microchipped, for example, to ensure that the correct DNA profile is assigned to the correct dog.

Owners should be aware that throughout this process, the issue of trust is a major factor, as owners may take and submit DNA samples without a dog being positively identified. The Kennel Club has to assume that dog owners are taking and providing samples from the correct dogs and certificates are issued with this proviso. If misrepresentations are made, however, the situation should be self-limiting as it is highly likely that these will be revealed when subsequent generations are DNA profiled!

We hope that the above notes are useful, if you have any questions regarding your particular case or would like to talk to us about DNA profiling or parentage analysis, then please contact the KC Health & Breeder Services Department (email: info@thekennelclub.org.uk)

REQUEST FOR PARENTAGE ANALYSIS

(Please fill in the details below and attach a DNA Profiling Request Form for each dog included below that has not yet been DNA profiled.)

- Fill in the table below:

Name of dog	DNA profile request is attached? (yes / no)	Position in the analysis (e.g. 'dam', 'possible sire', or 'puppy')
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Brief description of issues to be resolved:

Your Name:.....

Your involvement/interest in the results of the parentage analysis:

(e.g. Breeder of puppy/ies).....

PAYMENT:

Please complete the payment details below: The total cost of parentage analysis will be £25 per dog to be profiled, plus £25.00 for the parentage verification. (So, if you have 1 dam, 2 possible sires and a puppy, the cost will be (4 X £25) + £25 = £125.00).

EITHER (please tick chosen method of payment)

I enclose a cheque made payable to 'The Kennel Club' for the sum of £

Please charge my: Visa/Mastercard/Switch/Delta/Solo/Maestro (circle relevant card)

The sum of £ Card number:.....

Expiry date of card:.....Issue number:.....

Name of cardholder:.....

Signature:.....Date:.....

This form should be returned to the **Kennel Club, Health & Breeder Services, 1-5 Clarges Street, London WJ 8AB** or faxed to us on **0207 518 1028**, together with payment. **Please attach DNA Profiling Request Forms for any dog included in the above scenario unless it has already been DNA profiled using the Kennel Club DNA Profiling Service.** Upon receipt of profile request forms, sampling kits, with instructions, will be sent out. Owners will need to return dogs' DNA samples to the laboratory in the envelope supplied in the kit.