



**THE KENNEL CLUB**  
*Making a difference for dogs*

**THE KENNEL CLUB APPLICATION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF  
PUPPIES PRODUCED BY ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI)  
FORM 2**

**GUIDE TO COMPLETING THIS FORM**

The owner who wishes to register a litter of puppies by AI should complete this form using BLOCK CAPITALS in black ink throughout. Whilst a special application is required at the time of registration, no special approval is necessary to register a litter produced by AI provided that all of the requirements listed in section 1) comply, and that the AI involves non surgical insemination:-

**1) Requirements for registration following AI**

All litters produced by AI will be subject to existing Kennel Club registration regulations.

- The General Committee will not normally accept an application to register an AI litter if the donor male is alive and domiciled in the United Kingdom, with one exception namely that Irish Wolfhounds of 8.5 years or older and domiciled in the UK can be used as donors in AI.
- In the case of sterile dogs which have become sterile simply due to general degeneration, Committee will accept applications but normally only if the dog is over 12 years of age (or 8.5 years for Irish Wolfhounds) and with appropriate veterinary support.
- Maiden sires / dams – litters produced by AI from maiden dogs or bitches may be registered, but the Kennel Club will not register a litter produced by AI from one of their progeny, unless the said progeny has already produced at least one registered litter naturally or the sire/dam subsequently produces a litter naturally post the AI litter.

If all of these conditions are met, then the owner need only ensure that the AI form is completed and submitted along with the litter application form (form 1) at the time of registration. The form must specify the official registered name of both donor dog and bitch together with their registration numbers, if available. In the case of a dog domiciled outside of the UK, the dog must be registered with a recognised overseas Kennel Club, with which the Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement or which has full membership, associate membership or contract partnership of the FCI, and confirmed by an official three generation pedigree issued by the Kennel Club. The Registration Certificates of any resultant progeny will be endorsed with the initials (AI) after the dogs name to indicate that they were bred by artificial insemination.

If however the AI does not satisfy all of these requirements, the owner will need to apply to the Kennel Club for special approval for such registration which will be at the discretion of Kennel Club General Committee. Such submissions should be made directly to the Kennel Club stating clearly the reasons why the above requirements have not been or will not be met. If the submission involves the use of surgical insemination, the case must be accompanied by a declaration from a veterinary surgeon as to why this particular procedure is/was necessary. There is no guarantee that any such litter will be registered.

## 2) Methods of Insemination

There are two general methods adopted for insemination:-

- a) Non-surgical, which is usually done trans-cervically using a catheter and/or an endoscope
- b) Surgical, requiring general anaesthesia

These approaches have different 'welfare debts' for the bitch being inseminated. It is generally considered that the 'welfare debts' of the non-surgical methods in a) are extremely low and so the benefits from using AI need not be too large to justify the use of this technology to achieve insemination. For this reason, the General Committee will approve the registration of AI litters produced from non-surgical approaches, provided that all of the above requirements, outlined in section 1) are met.

The Kennel Club is advised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons that surgical insemination as described in 2b), has "many disadvantages for the bitch", and so has a higher 'welfare debt'. This means that the benefits accrued from its use will have to be considerable to offset this 'welfare debt'.

The RCVS advises veterinary surgeons that surgical AI is justified "only for exceptional reasons", and requires the vet to "record in the bitch's clinical records why trans-cervical insemination is not a practical option and the justification for the invasive procedure".

The General Committee therefore expects that the number of applications to register a litter conceived by surgical AI will be small, and each request will be dealt with on its merits. The Committee will require justification of the net benefit to the bitch in conceiving as a result of the "invasive procedure".

Breeders should therefore discuss this with their AI practitioner before proceeding and, in making a case for registration, include a statement as to why surgical insemination is/was necessary. They should also provide a statement justifying the need for AI and the benefits that accrue from its use.

Approval in such cases will be at the discretion of the General Committee.

*N.B. It is essential that the applicant conforms to all current requirements imposed by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on imported semen.*



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## 1. APPLICANT (S) (registered owner(s) of dam)

### **OWNER(S):**

Dr / Mr / Mrs / Miss / Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No (day): \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DAM:**

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Previous litters: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANTS:**

I / we certify that the particulars contained on this form are correct to the best of my / our knowledge

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and address will be retained by the Kennel Club for the purposes of its records and for keeping you informed about services offered by the Kennel Club. From time to time the Kennel Club and its marketing partners would like to send you information, by mail or email, about related products or services, either available from us or our marketing partners, which may be of benefit or interest to you.

- Please indicate here if you do not wish to receive such information.
- Please indicate here if you do wish to receive such information by email.

## 2. DONOR DOG

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Semen Collection (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Has the dog produced registered litters naturally? YES / NO

### **OWNER(S) OF THE DONOR DOG / SEMEN:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DECLARATION BY THE OWNER(S) OF THE DONOR DOG:**

I / we certify that the above particulars are correct to the best of my / our knowledge

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

