

Information Guide

How to register your dog
with the Kennel Club



If your dog is registered with the Kennel Club, you will gain access to an unparalleled source of information, experience and advice on dog welfare, health, training and breeding, and have the option of receiving many benefits from Kennel Club partners. Registering your dog with the Kennel Club also means that it can take part in many shows and events throughout the country. From fun days out to serious competitions, these activities are an opportunity to meet other owners, learn more about dogs, and simply have a great time.



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Kennel Club registration and other services



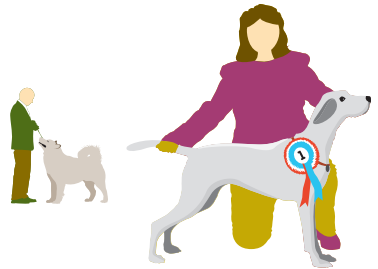
The Kennel Club registers over 300,000 pedigree dogs every year of over 210 different breeds of dog. These breeds are categorised in seven groups: hounds, gundogs, terriers, utility, working, pastoral and toys. All profits from the organisation are reinvested into funding the many programmes run in the best interest of dogs and dog owners including the Kennel Club Charitable Trust. Registration with the Kennel Club enables dog owners to be involved in all aspects of the dog world – from involvement in local lobbying, competing in fun activities and schemes, to health programmes and initiatives, training advice and much, much more.

www.kc-dogregistration.org.uk

You may not be aware but the Kennel Club doesn't just register pedigree dogs though – we've been registering crossbreeds and older dogs for over 50 years.

Registering your dog with the Kennel Club is simple – you just have to pick which register is right for you and your dog.

Dogs can be registered on one of three Kennel Club registers – the Breed Register, the Activity Register and the Companion Dog Register. The fee you pay to register your litter/puppy/dog in your name helps the Kennel Club to pursue its work to promote, in every way, the general improvement of dogs.



BREED REGISTER

The Kennel Club's registration system is akin to Somerset House for people - it is a simple record of a puppy's birth and provides a number of benefits supporting responsible dog ownership. The Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme, on the other hand, is similar to a 'kitemark' that shows the breeder has agreed to follow recommended breeding guidelines. They make use of mandatory health screening schemes, such as testing for hip problems and eye conditions, which helps owners to predict the future health of their puppy.

The Breed Register is only available to those breeds which are currently recognised by the Kennel Club and provided both parents are of the same breed and already registered. Both the sire and dam should already have been transferred in to the registered ownership of the owner of the dog.

Some litters can now be registered online or alternatively you can download the Litter Registration Form (form 1) from the Kennel Club's website. If completing the paper application, the owner of the stud dog will also need to sign the registration form. In addition, application forms are always available from the

Kennel Club direct, along with any advice you may need. It is best if you register your puppies as soon as possible to make sure that the relevant documents are available for the new owner at the time of sale.

The benefit to new owners of purchasing a KC registered pedigree dog is that they know they should display the characteristics of the breed, in both looks and temperament.

Finding a breeder:

When sourcing a healthy pedigree puppy it is the breeder that is the most important consideration - buying a pedigree dog should not be done 'on the cheap' nor should it come from a disreputable source. By going to a responsible dog breeder you stand the best chance of getting a dog that will enjoy a happy and healthy life. Always buy from a Kennel Club Assured Breeder – these responsible breeders have agreed to follow recommended breeding guidelines. Full details on the Assured Breeder Scheme can be found on the Kennel Club website, together with a comprehensive list of breeders with puppies available. Breed Clubs are also an important source of contact for prospective puppy owners. Club Secretary contact details are also available on the website and within the Puppy Pack.



Download the Kennel Club Puppy Buying Guide free at the Android Market. Coming soon (April 2012) to iPhone.



Visit www.findapuppy.org.uk or call **0844 4633 980** and you will be sent one of our Puppy Packs.

What to expect from a breeder:

- If the dog is advertised as Kennel Club registered, you should make sure that you see the Kennel Club registration certificate for the puppy before you take the puppy home. If the registration certificate is not available when you take your puppy, ensure that you receive an undertaking in writing that this will be sent to you when received from the Kennel Club.
- It is the responsibility of the breeder to register the litter, which will be recorded in their name. The breeder will name all the puppies, and the names may include their Kennel Name.
- Under normal circumstances, the litter registration should take approximately 14 days. The certificates will then be returned to the breeder. If there is a query on the form or about the names chosen for the puppies, the Kennel Club Registration Department will contact the breeder to clarify the position.
- The breeder should hand you a Kennel Club Breeder Certificate, which includes all the puppy's details that are registered with the Kennel Club. Please make sure that the breeder has signed the change of ownership form on the back of the certificate and completed the date of sale field.
- Also ask the breeder for information on the following:
 - A Contract of Sale, which should detail both the breeders and your responsibility to the puppy. It should also advise about any official Kennel Club endorsements (these could be restrictions against breeding or exporting the puppy) that the breeder may have placed on the puppy's records, and under what basis the breeder is prepared to remove them. Before or at the time of sale, the new owner must give a signed acknowledgement of any endorsement placed.
 - Written advice on training, feeding, rearing, exercise, worming, immunisation, insurance etc.
 - Copies of any additional health certificates for the sire and dam.

Reasons to be Proud of your Pedigree



Know your dog's roots

The Kennel Club keeps a comprehensive family tree for around 40 percent of purebred dogs in this country. This family tree helps to ensure that puppy buyers get a true purebred dog, with the characteristics and care requirements they were led to expect for a dog of that breed, which includes their exercise and grooming needs, temperament and health conditions to test for.



Help future generations

The Kennel Club holds lots of information about the health test results and inbreeding coefficients of dogs on its register. This is vital information used by scientists at the Kennel Club Genetics Centre at the Animal Health Trust when developing tests to help fight dog diseases. The Kennel Club also invests any profit that it makes from registrations into areas such as education and the Kennel Club Charitable Trust, which supports research into dog diseases and gives money to dog re-homing charities.



Information at your fingertips

Some disreputable breeders may fake paperwork, such as health test certificates and pedigree certificates. Puppy buyers can check with the Kennel Club if they have any doubts about the authenticity of a pedigree and can see relevant health test results for a puppy's parents on the Kennel Club Health Test Results Finder. This allows buyers to see whether the breeder has taken steps to help ensure the future health of their puppies.



Help to stamp out Puppy Farming

Puppy farming is a cruel and abhorrent trade, where breeders churn out large volumes of puppies for money and without regard for their welfare. The Kennel Club has regulations in place to help ensure that dogs registered with it do not come from puppy farmers. Breeders need a breeding licence and inspection from

their Local Authority if they breed five or more litters in a year. The Kennel Club will not register puppies from those who breed this number unless they have been inspected under the Assured Breeder Scheme or by their local authority and have a breeding licence, except in exceptional circumstances. This should mean that you are not buying from a puppy farmer and not fuelling this cruel trade.



Sadly, some puppy farmers are still granted licences by over-stretched Local Authorities. Although the Kennel Club has to rely on the Local Authority licensing regime, as it does not have powers to inspect all breeders' premises itself, it urges anybody who has concerns about a breeder to let it know. It will then take this up with the relevant authorities so that action can be taken against those who are not above board.



Improving the standards of breeding

The Kennel Club Assured Breeder Scheme is setting the benchmark for breeding standards in this country and it is lobbying the government to make these mandatory for all breeders – and it recommends that people always buy a puppy from a Kennel Club Assured Breeder. In the meantime, the Kennel Club educates breeders who register with it, to follow responsible steps. Kennel Club research has shown that those who register with the Kennel Club are more likely to follow more of these responsible steps than those that don't register with us or who breed crossbreeds.



Help throughout your dog's life

The Kennel Club has a plethora of information and services for those who buy puppies registered us, from training through to insuring and exercising with your dog.

What to do when you get your Kennel Club registered puppy home:

- Transfer the ownership of the dog into your own name (you will find this section on the reverse of the registration certificate), ensuring that all parties have signed the relevant sections. Make sure you activate the Kennel Club Healthcare Plan.



Visit www.thekennelclub.org.uk/owner or by post. (You will find this section on the reverse of the registration certificate).

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- Your breeder probably arranged 4 Weeks Free Puppy Insurance with the Kennel Club and discussed Pet Insurance when you collected your new puppy. Because no matter how careful we are, young dogs have a habit of doing silly things... some of which sadly aren't so funny.



**THE KENNEL CLUB
PET INSURANCE**

But not all pet insurance policies are the same. Many policies only cover ongoing conditions for 12 months, after which, future bills for that condition would be down to you for the rest of the dog's life.

The Kennel Club offers an affordable pet insurance policy which provides lifetime vet's fees cover for accidents, illness and on-going conditions throughout your pet's life.

To find out more call our UK Customer Services team FREE on **0800 369 90 90**.

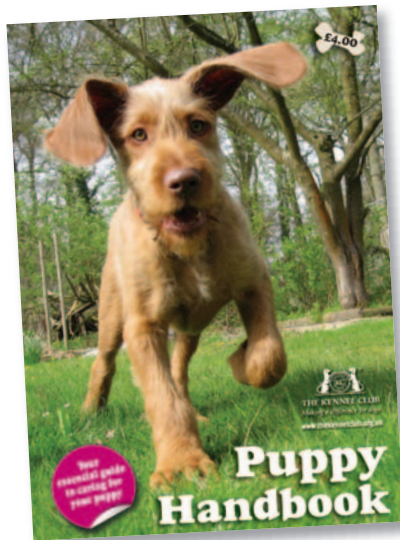
Visit: **www.kcinsurance.co.uk**

You can also download your FREE Kennel Club Pet Insurance Guide **www.the Kennel Club.org.uk/doginformation**

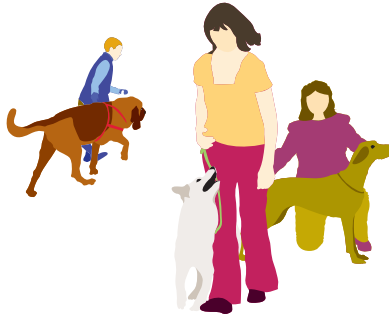


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- You will have an opportunity to order additional Kennel Club services on the transfer form, including pedigrees and the Breed Records Supplement. Discounted enhanced pedigrees can be ordered at the same time that you apply to transfer the dog into your registered ownership.
- After you have registered the transfer of ownership back to the Kennel Club, you will receive a Kennel Club Owner Certificate with your details and those of your puppy printed on it. At this point you will also receive a copy of the Kennel Club **Puppy Handbook** – an essential guide to caring for your puppy. The Puppy Handbook will give you advice and information to help you get off to the best possible start with your puppy.



ACTIVITY REGISTER

Your dog does not have to be a pedigree dog to be registered on the Activity Register. If your dog is not eligible to be registered on the Breed Register, and you wish to compete with your dog in KC licensed events such as Obedience, Working Trials, Agility, Flyball or Heelwork to Music competitions, then this is the register for your dog. The owner of a dog themselves can apply for registration on this register. To register your dog on the Activity Register simply download a form from our website.



Visit www.kcdogregistration.org.uk
or call **0844 4633 980**
for an application form.

THE COMPANION DOG REGISTER

When you join the Companion Dog Club you will receive a personalised membership certificate, an accident and emergency card and special discounts to Kennel Club events such as Crufts and Discover Dogs. Members can also participate in exclusive Companion Dog Club classes at Companion Dog Shows taking place throughout the UK.

Not only are you becoming a member you will also become part of a group of like minded people who regularly meet, share news on their dogs and enjoy the excitement of taking part in Companion Dog Shows.

Join the CDC Facebook group now for all this and more!

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For for information and/or to join,
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or call **0844 463 3980**

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Making a difference for dogs

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Anyone can register their dog with the Kennel Club. By registering you will demonstrate your commitment to your dog's well-being and to the health and welfare of all dogs. You can register online today at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/dogregistration.

What ever your dog's needs, the Kennel Club is here to help and support you.

Find out more by contacting us on **0844 4633 980**, or visit our website at www.thekennelclub.org.uk to find out more about the wonderful world of dogs.

Additional guides on a wide range of subjects are also available to download from our website at www.thekennelclub.org.uk:

- Asthma and your dog
- Breeding from your bitch
- Choosing and bringing home the right dog for you
- DNA profiling and parentage analysis services
- Do you know dog law?
- Do you know how to look after your dog in its senior years?
- Find a rescue dog
- Health screening and the Kennel Club
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