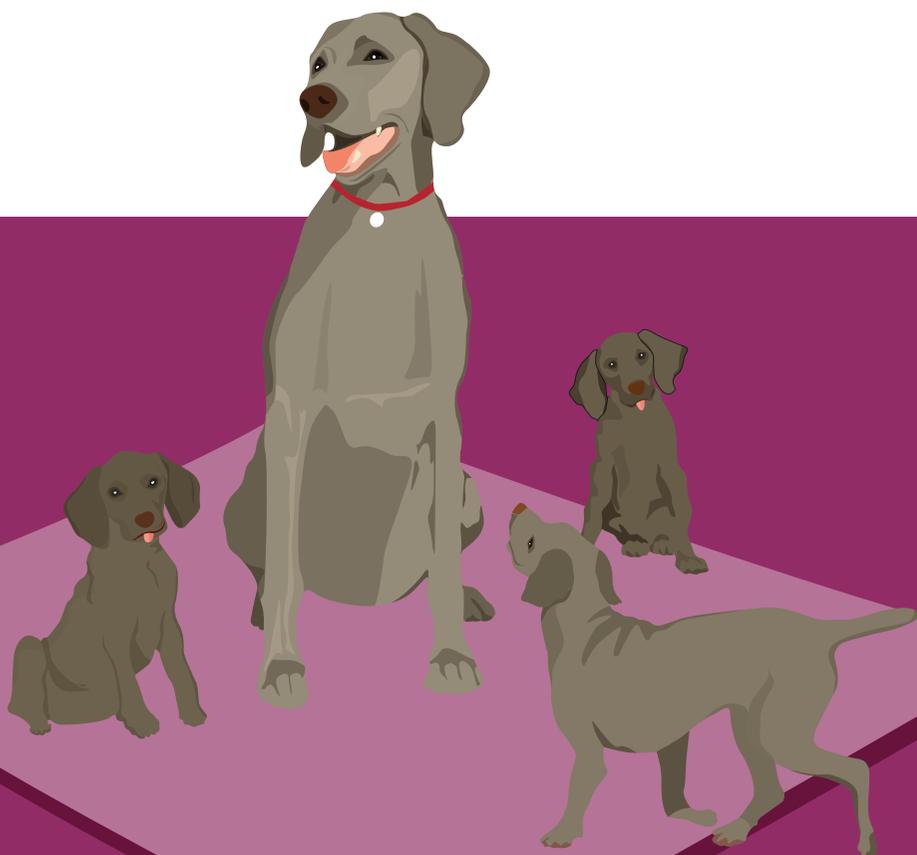




THE KENNEL CLUB
Making a difference for dogs

Information Guide

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Currently the Kennel Club permits the use of two endorsements on registrations – Progeny Not Eligible for Registration and Export Pedigree Not Allowed. Neither of these endorsements prevents the dog from being bred from nor sent abroad, but does prevent any litters being registered with the Kennel Club and the dog from being registered by an overseas kennel club.

Why are Kennel Club endorsements placed?

The use of Kennel Club endorsements is undoubtedly beneficial to breeders as a measure to help in protecting stock which has been carefully and responsibly bred. It is generally assumed that breeders endorse their stock to safeguard the dog's future, the breed and themselves. As some breeds can be prone to suffer from particular health problems, the breeder should ensure that any stock bred by them is examined under any relevant health schemes prior to being bred from. There may also be concerns about sending dogs to certain overseas countries and therefore using the Export endorsement may help to prevent the dog falling into the wrong hands.

How can these endorsements be removed from a dog's registration record?

To remove an endorsement, it is a simple matter for the person(s) who placed the endorsement to write in to the registration office and request that this be carried out. An acknowledgement will be sent to them to confirm that the endorsement has been removed and it is then the responsibility of the endorser to advise the owner of the dog that this has been carried out.



What should I do if the person(s) placing the endorsement will not remove it?

Problems can arise when the new owner makes a request to the person(s) who placed the endorsement for this to be done, only to be told that they have no intention of doing so. This is an area where disputes can arise particularly with purchasers claiming they were not aware that the newly purchased dog would be subject to certain restrictions.

The parties concerned are expected to try and resolve the matter amicably between themselves. However, if an agreement regarding the removal cannot be reached, the Kennel Club is often asked to intervene in what can sometimes be a very difficult situation, especially when there are conflicting views on whether the breeder advised the purchaser of an endorsement at the time of sale.

The Kennel Club cannot comment upon the contents of a private contract especially relating to whether any terms described therein have been met or not, but can only look at whether the endorsement has been placed in accordance with our Rules and Regulations.

In order to comply with the Kennel Club rules on placing endorsements, the KC requires that the dog be in the physical possession of the endorser and that they obtain a written agreement, ideally in the form of a private contract, signed by the new owner to acknowledge that they have been informed that an endorsement has been placed. If endorsements are being used, it is helpful to both parties if the contract mentions why these have been placed and under what conditions they would be removed (if at all). **This contract must be signed and dated by the purchaser showing that they have been informed of the endorsement prior to or at the date of sale.** Even if the breeder chooses not to draw up a full contract, there must still be a document stating which endorsements have been placed, signed by the purchaser.

If the new owner believes that the endorsement(s) has not been placed in accordance with our rules and regulations, and they are unable to reach an agreement regarding the removal with the person who placed them, the owner of the dog can apply in writing to the Kennel Club to request the removal of the endorsement.

Regulation B12 - Endorsements

- a) General. The registered owner of a dog may, whilst the dog is still in his physical possession, apply to place one or more endorsements in a dog's records and to have the registration certificate annotated accordingly. The endorsements which may be placed as follows:
 1. Progeny Not Eligible for Registration
 - 2 Not Eligible for the Issue of an Export Pedigree
- b) Conditions. The following conditions shall apply to the placing and removal of endorsements.
 1. When a dog whose registration is endorsed is transferred to new ownership, the endorsement will be maintained. However, the person who placed the endorsement(s) must obtain written and signed confirmation from the new owner(s), or an agent or authorised representative of a new owner(s), at or before the date on which the dog is physically transferred, that the new owner is aware of the endorsement(s), regardless of whether or not the endorsed registration certificate is available. If requested, the person(s) who placed the endorsement must be able to produce a copy of such confirmation.
 2. If the endorsement is not drawn to the new registered owner's notice, and an acknowledgement in writing of the endorsement, signed at the date of transfer by the new owner is not obtained, then any conflict regarding notice of the endorsement will be resolved in favour of the new registered owner. The endorsement will remain on the register, unless a successful application is made by the new owner of the dog under Regulation B12b.(3) on the next page.

3. If the new registered owner of a dog did not have notice of the endorsement, that person may apply to the Kennel Club Board who will resolve in their discretion whether or not the endorsement should lapse. Any endorsement may be lifted only with the permission in writing of the endorser or of a person with due authority from the endorser (in the event the endorser cannot give permission due to death or incapacity) or by resolution of the Kennel Club Board.
4. Regulation B12b 1), 2) and 3) only apply where the registered owner who originally placed an endorsement on a dogs record, transfers the dog to a new ownership. If subsequent transfers take place, the endorsement becomes a matter between the parties involved. In such cases the registered owner placing the endorsement shall not be responsible if notification of the endorsement is not given to any new owner, and may exercise his right to decide whether the endorsement be maintained or removed subject to (5) below.
5. The Kennel Club Board reserves the right to impose, remove or maintain any endorsement. In particular, the Kennel Club Board reserves the right to impose an additional endorsement “not eligible for entry in any event held under Kennel Club Rules and Regulations, nor any unlicensed event recognised by the Kennel Club”.
6. The Kennel Club Board reserves the right to impose the additional endorsement “not eligible for entry at Kennel Club licensed Breed Shows or unlicensed Breed events recognised by the Kennel Club”.





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FREE
breeder
education
resources

The Kennel Club Academy offers a series of resources including films, covering topics such as understanding inheritance, inbreeding, pre-breeding considerations, health testing and how to maximise the chances of producing healthy offspring.

The Kennel Club Academy highlights the health information available to modern dog breeders and emphasises how this knowledge can be used effectively.



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The Kennel Club works to protect and promote the health and welfare of all dogs in the UK. We want happy, healthy dogs living long lives with responsible owners. All profits from the organisation go straight into funding the many programmes run in the best interest of dogs and dog owners and to support the Kennel Club Charitable Trust to re-invest into a wide variety of welfare and health programmes.

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**.

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

Find out more by contacting us on **01296 318540**, 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:

- Breeding for health
- Breeding from your dogs
- Choosing and bringing home the right dog for you
- Common canine poisons in the house and garden
- Do you know dog law?
- Do you know how to look after your dog in its senior years?
- How to get involved in fun activities and competitions with your dog
- How to get started with dog training
- How to register your dog with the Kennel Club
- Introducing dogs to children or babies
- Managing your dog's weight
- Moving house with your dog
- Pet Insurance Guide for dog owners
- Puppy Socialisation
- Road travel with your dog
- So you are thinking of working with dogs?
- Thinking of showing your dog in the UK?
- Travelling abroad with your dog
- Why should I Microchip my pet?