

# Dogs A.C.T.

A.C.T Canine Association inc.

## Dogs A.C.T Regulations - Part 4 - The Register & Registration.

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### 4.1 The Register:

- a) Dogs A.C.T administration must keep and maintain a register of dogs, the register shall be divided into four sections, namely:
1. **Main register (Pure bred)**, in which dogs may be registered when considered as eligible for exhibition at a recognised show. (Amend 9/09)
  2. **Limit register (Pure bred)**, in which a dog may be registered which are ineligible for exhibition at a conformation show, or for any reason, not to be used for breeding purposes, or not entire or have been desexed, and not registered in the main register or the supplementary register. (Amend 22.9.2009)
  3. **Associate register**, in which dogs may be registered when considered as eligible for exhibition in an obedience class or obedience trial or tracking trial which is conducted at a recognised show;
  4. **Sporting register** - in which a dog may be registered, which are ineligible for registration in the main register or the limited register, and registered with an ANKC approved sporting dog association.
- b) **Important:** Only one registration certificate per dog will exist on the register at any time during the life of that dog.

### 4.2 Registration:

- a) In accordance with its powers under Section 3(h) of the Constitution, Dogs A.C.T may accept applications from financial members of Dogs A.C.T for the registration on the Main or Pure Bred Register, Limit Register or the Associate Register, transfer or lease of dogs, notification of litters, breeder's prefixes or other services provided by Dogs A.C.T.
- b) Litters and individual dogs must be registered in the State/Territory of residency of the owner, irrespective of where the pups are born.
- c) Applications for the registration of dogs shall only be accepted for Breeds recognised by the ANKC.
- d) No dog will be accepted for individual registration after the initial registration of a litter, nor shall a dog be registered after eighteen months from the date of birth.

- e) No application need necessarily be accepted, and the Dogs A.C.T Council may refuse any applications as it sees fit.
- f) Only those progeny in a litter which in the opinion of the breeders are acceptable for official canine activity need be registered in the Main or Pure-Bred register, the remainder are to be registered in the Limit Register.
- g) The Register shall record in the following order: the breeder's registered prefix; the dog's name; the dog's registered number.
- h) A dog is unregistered where it is linked to a non-financial membership, and can not be used as either Dam or Sire in relation to this regulation. See ACT Regulation 3.7 (a) Registration of animals: The cancellation of the registration of a member's dog(s) will be at the discretion of Dogs A.C.T if the member is unfinancial.

#### 4.3 Main Register:

- a) The following conditions must be met to be able to register a dog on the Main or Limited Register:
  - 1. The litter in which it was whelped must be registered, and
  - 2. The breeder must have a registered kennel prefix, and
  - 3. The sire and dam of each litter registered with Dogs A.C.T must each be registered with the ANKC. If the sire is already registered with an interstate kennel control he does not have to be re-registered again with Dogs A.C.T, and
  - 4. The time from date of birth does not exceed eighteen (18) months, and
  - 5. The owner of the Dam must be a financial member of Dogs A.C.T and the owner of the Sire a financial member of a State Canine Control.
- b) No registration will be accepted for the progeny of mixed varieties of Dachshunds, Chihuahuas, Jack Russell and Parson Russell Terriers and Poodles. The progeny of Dachshunds and Chihuahuas will be registered in the coat variety they most closely resemble. The registration of Jack Russell and Parson Russell Terriers and the progeny of each will be in accordance with ANKC ruling. The progeny of poodles will be registered in the same variety as the sire and dam.
- c) Each registered breeder when selling a pedigree dog registered or re-registered on the Dogs A.C.T Main register or Limit register must provide the purchaser with an ANKC registration paper and advise the purchaser of the limitations with the Limit register.
- d) The registered name of a dog must not exceed the required characters including the breeder's registered prefix and spaces. The use of numbers, whether in words or numerals, apostrophes and the letter ('s), and hyphens are not permitted.
- e) The word "of" is not permitted anywhere in a dog's name. The use of names of towns, places, countries, notable persons, common names or names that are misleading as to sex, origin or relationship may be refused.
- f) A search fee shall be charged for all searches of registration records by the Dogs A.C.T Administrator. All applications for a search must be in writing and accompanied by the stipulated fee.
- g) Once registered, a dog's name cannot be altered unless it is in contravention of a regulation.
- h) Dogs will not be registered as owned by a Kennel unless proof has been shown that such Kennel name is registered with the Business Names Office as a registered Business name.
- i) An application for a Duplicate registration certificate may only be applied for by the owners currently registered on the database system and where an accompanying statutory declaration explains the reason for the duplicate registration certificate.
- j) The registration of a dog rejected from the Main register as "not entire" shall be suspended until it can be proved to the satisfaction of the Dogs A.C.T Council that it is physically entire. An application for the review of a registration so suspended may be made up until the dog attains the age of twelve (12) months, provided such application is supported by a declaration from two (2) qualified veterinary surgeons that the dog is entire. On attaining the age of twelve (12) months any dog which is not physically entire, shall have its registration removed from the Main Register and placed on the Limited register.

**4.4 Limit Register:**

Dogs that are eligible for the Limit Register are restricted to:

- a) Pure bred dogs which cannot be exhibited in conformation classes at shows.
- b) Dogs which cannot be used for breeding purposes, whether by breeder's agreement or have characteristics which are not acceptable for animals registered on the Main register.
- c) Dogs which are not entire or have been desexed.
- d) Dogs that are ineligible for an export certificate to be issued.

**4.5 Associate Register:**

A dog shall only be eligible for registration in the Associate Register if:

- a) It is ineligible for registration in the Main or Limited registers,
- b) A veterinary certificate certifying that the animal has been desexed is provided,
- c) The dog to be permanent identified (such as Microchip) and the permanent identified number to be recorded on the Sterilisation Certificate. **(10/07)**
- d) The owner is a financial member of Dogs A.C.T,
- e) There is submitted a duly completed registration in such form as required by Dogs A.C.T,
- f) The dog is to compete in an Obedience, Agility, Tracking or an Endurance Test which is conducted by a recognised body at a recognised trial, and
- g) All dogs so registered on the Associate register shall have their breed listed as "associate".

**4.6 Sporting Register:**

A dog may be eligible for registration in the Sporting Register if:

- a) Ineligible for registration in the main register or the limited register, and
- b) Currently registered with an ANKC recognised/approved sporting dog association.

**4.7 Transfer of Dogs:**

- a) In this Regulation, "transfer" refers to a change in ownership or possession of a dog or of any interest therein and whether by sale, lease, loan, gift, charge or other disposition.
- b) With the approval of Dogs A.C.T and subject to the payment of all fees relevant to the transfer, the transfer shall be recorded in the register.
- c) A transfer of a dog within the ACT or into the ACT, shall not be registered unless:
  1. The relevant application for transfer is duly completed and signed by the registered owners and the transferee, and
  2. The certificate of registration of the dog or a statutory declaration by the registered owner as to the loss of and efforts made to find the certificate;
  3. Is lodged with Dogs A.C.T Administrator.
- d) If an application for transfer of a dog is endorsed to the effect that the dog is not to be used for breeding, the endorsement or words to that effect of the endorsement shall be recorded in the register and no progeny of that dog may thereafter be registered.

- e) In the case of a dog endorsed to the effect that the dog is not to be exported, the endorsement or words to that effect of the endorsement shall be recorded in the register and an export certificate may not be issued in respect of that dog.
- f) Dogs A.C.T must not record a transfer of a dog or of any interest in a dog solely or jointly owned by a member:
  - 1. During the period of any suspension or disqualification of such member;
  - 2. In the case of a member whose membership has been terminated; or
  - 3. In a case where a member who has been found guilty of misconduct and is appealing to an Appeal Committee until the outcome of that appeal is known.

#### **4.8 Transfers between Registers:**

It shall be permitted to transfer only once from either the Main register to the Limited register or vice versa as long as that request for transfer is processed before the animal reaches the age of eighteen months and only by the breeder.

#### **4.9 Transfer to within the State:**

A dog of any age, registered with a canine controlling body outside the ACT but in Australia, that is transferred to a member shall have allotted to it the same number and name as that allotted by the state canine controlling body followed in brackets by the first letter of the name of the State or Territory in which it was initially registered.

#### **4.10 Transfer from outside Australia:**

A dog of any age, registered with canine controlling body outside Australia, that is imported into Australia and transferred to a member shall have allotted to it the same number and name as that allotted by the canine controlling body followed in brackets by the abbreviation "Imp." and a shortened form of the name of or initials indicating the country in which the dog was whelped. (Illustration: "Imp. GBR", "Imp. GMY")

#### **4.11 Transfers by way of lease:**

- a) Upon the transfer of a dog, a payment determined by the Dogs A.C.T Council (approx equivalent to two transfer fees) shall be paid by the transferee/lessee.
- b) The certificate of registration of transfer shall record the date upon which the lease is to terminate and the lease becomes invalid with effect from the termination date.
- c) On the day next following the termination date the registered owner of the dog shall be the person who was the registered owner immediately prior to the initial transfer.
- d) As soon as practicable after the termination date a new certificate showing the prior owner of the dog as the registered owner thereof shall be issued.

#### **4.12 Transfers overseas – Export:**

In addition to complying with section 6 of this regulation, the owner or transferor shall apply to Dogs A.C.T for an export pedigree which shall only be issued if the dog is registered on the main register and the dog has attained the age of 11 weeks.

#### **4.13 Deaths:**

- a) The registration of a dog shall be deemed to terminate upon the death of the dog.
- b) The owner shall, within 28 days of the death of a dog, in the case of a dog that has not attained the age of 10 years at the date of death, return the dog's certificate of registration accompanied by written advice of the dog's death to Dogs A.C.T;
- c) Where in the case of a dog that has attained the age of 10 years, notify Dogs A.C.T in writing of the death of the dog.

**4.14 Multiple Sire Litters - Intentional or Unintentional:**

- a) Any breeder who has either intentionally or unintentionally used multiple sires over a bitch must, when applying to register the resultant litter, submit the following documents together with the appropriate Service Certificates and Application for Registration:
  - 1. DNA Test certificate in respect of each of the multiple sires used;
  - 2. DNA Test certificate in respect of the Dam of the litter;
  - 3. DNA Test certificates in respect of each puppy in the litter which are all required to be tested at the same time; and
  - 4. A certificate given by a Veterinary Surgeon providing an interpretation of the results of the DNA Tests as to the correct parentage of the litter.
- b) The registration of the litter concerned will be processed based on the results provided in the Veterinary Certificate. All costs associated with obtaining the certificates required in Section 13 of this regulation are to be borne by the breeder of the litter.

**4.15 Registration of Docked Dogs:**

- a) Any docked dog registered in the ACT, the purpose for the docking of the tail whether by surgical or other means must be in accordance with the regulations of Dogs A.C.T and any rule, condition or legislation of the ACT Government. (Amend 22.9.2009)  
  
ACT Government link - [http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/pets/Dog\\_Policy#tail\\_docking](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/live/pets/Dog_Policy#tail_docking)
- b) Any docked dog registered with another State Canine Control, it will be taken that the purpose for the docking of the tail whether by surgical or other means had been done in accordance with the regulations of that State Canine Control and the laws of that state in which the surgical procedure was carried out. (Amend 22.9.2009)
- c) Any docked dog that does not conform to Sections 4.15.a or 4.15.b of these regulations will be deemed to be a Non Registrable Docked Dog.
- b) At no time may a Non Registrable Docked Dog be registered or remain on the register; or be exhibited or shown at an exhibition or show.
- c) During any suspension of registration of a Non Registrable Docked Dog, the dog may not be exhibited in any exhibition or show; be bred with or used at stud; and/or subject of a transfer.

**4.16 Residency requirement for Prefix and Registration. (06/09)**

- a) In accordance with ANKC Regulation Part 6 section 6.4 **Registration of Litters (05/05)**
  - 6.4.1 Subject to 6.4.2, a litter must be registered in the State or Territory of residency of the owner irrespective of where the pups are born.
  - 6.4.2 Where a prefix is jointly owned, registered and maintained in more than one State or Territory, the litter must be registered in the State or Territory in which the pups are born.
- b) At the time of applying for a new prefix or transferring a prefix into the ACT, the applicant is to include a "Utility" bill (ie Water, electricity, phone etc) that confirms their place of residence as shown on the "new prefix" or "transfer of prefix" application. A post office box address will not be accepted as place of residence.
- c) At the time of registration of a litter against the prefix, where the only address for the applicant is a non residential address, the applicant is to include a "Utility" bill (ie Water, electricity, phone etc) that confirms their place of residence as shown on the application for litter registration.