

More information on the AKC & UKC dog registries:



Each registry provides those with registered dogs the opportunity to participate in canine events where the dog can earn titles.

The American Kennel Club registration policy can be found at: http://www.akc.org/reg/index.cfm?nav_area=registration

United Kennel Club registration policy can be found at: <http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/RegistrationPolicyRulesLaunch>

If a breeder does not give you registration information for your new dog, they are subject to discipline from the registry that they claimed the dog was registrable with.

Ask to see the paperwork from the breeder before taking your dog. Some breeders may withhold the registration information until after your check has cleared, but they should still have the necessary paperwork for your review.

Please visit the AKC & UKC websites to see what information the breeder must supply you with.

www.akc.org
www.ukcdogs.com

DFOW is a volunteer organization.

Members include individual pet owners and breeders, dog clubs, veterinarians, and breed specific rescue volunteers.

DFOW works with elected officials to try to help with laws that make sense and do not cause hardship on responsible dog owners.

DFOW's membership base consists of the most knowledgeable people in Wisconsin in regards to dogs. We can provide elected officials with substantiated materials regarding the proper way to raise dogs; why breed specific legislation, mandatory spay/neuter, and pet limits do not work, and why intrusive laws can actually create public health risks by driving people underground to protect their pets.



The Dog Federation of Wisconsin is registered with the State of Wisconsin for lobbying efforts. Our lobbyist is Gary Goyke.

Please notify DFOW if your community is considering revising their existing animal code.

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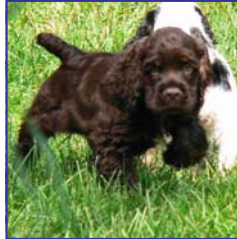
Educational Series

“What canine registration really means ”

This brochure will explain what registration means for the pure bred registries of the American Kennel Club and the United Kennel Club

Have you ever heard “this dog has papers”?

This statement means that the dog is probably a pure bred dog and its parents are registered with a dog registry.



The two oldest and most recognized pure bred dog registries in the United States are the American Kennel Club (est. 1884) and the United Kennel Club (est. 1898).

AKC and UKC do not register breeders, they register the dog. Breeders who use these registries must abide by the rules and regulations set in place by each registry. If they don't they may be fined and or suspended from registering dogs with the organization.

If a breeder states that “the dog has papers”, it does not necessarily guarantee the quality of the dog.

If a dog is eligible for registration with AKC or UKC, it only means that the parents were registered with one or both of those organizations.

Please don't purchase a dog on impulse.

When you've made a decision to find a dog, please don't purchase a dog without doing research. This research not only needs to include what kind of dog would best fit into your life style, but also the registration status and health clearances of the parents.

If you have found a breeder with a pup you believe you would like to purchase, ask to see the pedigree and get the registration numbers and registered names of the parents. You need this information for research purposes.

*To verify health information on
the parents, your best resource is
the Orthopedic Foundation for
Animals
www.offa.org*

OFFA is best known for its data base of hip evaluations, but they also have test results for diseases that are specific to certain breeds of dog. You may also access the Canine Eye Registry Foundation from this website.

PennHip is an alternate hip evaluation only registry.
<http://www.pennhip.org/>

Committed breeders care about the health and welfare of the puppies they produce.

Many committed breeders belong to American Kennel Club recognized “parent clubs”. These parent clubs provide the breed standard for their particular breed of dog.

Each parent club maintains a website that will tell you all about their breed. This includes known health issues, breed tendencies, and the care and maintenance involved with the breed.



Please visit the American Kennel Club website for links to the various parent clubs.

www.akc.org/breeds/index.cfm?nav_area=breeds

*Certain breeds of dog may not
be registered with AKC or UKC,
but with an alternate registry.*

An example is the **Australian Shepherd Club of America**. ASCA is a registry specifically for Australian Shepherds. It is still possible to verify health information on the parents of your potential puppy by using their registration numbers on the OFFA website as well as the ASCA website.