



# East Africa Kennel Club

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## Rules when Applying for an Affix

It was decided at the East Africa Kennel Club(EAKC) Council Meeting held on 26 October 2016 that when an application for grant of Affix is received, the EAKC will send out 2 committee members to inspect the Kennels / operations of the applying member.

To this effect the following guidelines have been set up.

## Breeder Assessment Visits

### Purpose of the visits

The purpose of visiting breeders who wish to have an East African Kennel Club's Affix is simply to ensure compliance of the East African Kennel Club's breeding standards are maintained by those that have a EAKC Affix.

Upon applying for the Affix every breeder agrees to allow any two members of the EAKC Committee access to visit their premises. The EAKC Committee members are highly experienced in many aspects of dog breeding. Most of them are experienced dog breeders themselves, and will have a good understanding of the issues that face breeders and the problems that they might encounter.

It should be noted that the standards applied for all breeders will be the same standards.

Every member that applies for an Affix will be visited and inspected by the Kennel Club. If the member is not active in EAKC events or if there are complaints, the EAKC can make another visit. Every new Affix applicant to the Scheme will have undergone a successful visit prior to acceptance.

### What to expect from the visit

The visit should normally take about one hour. Obviously this will be dependent on the size of your premises, the number of dogs that you have and the facilities available.

The first part of the visit consists of a discussion to understand your breeding practices and consists mostly of questions to confirm that the records that we hold are correct. The Assessors will want to know such things how many dogs you have, where they live and sleep; in the home or in kennels, and what your daily routine is. They will also ask questions like where you store your dog food, where it is prepared and what you feed them. They will also want to know things like what would you in the case of a fire or emergency and who could look after the dogs if something unforeseen happened to you.

### During the visit

Upon arrival the Assessors will show their Kennel Club identification. The Assessors will wish to discuss two main areas - canine management and facilities and paperwork and documentation.

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### Canine Management and facilities

Once the discussion has finished, the Assessors will want to see where and how the dogs are kept. We recognize that many of our breeders breed dogs within their own home where the dogs live as family pets

and have no special facilities. Nevertheless the Assessors will want to see where they live, sleep and exercise and to see that they are happy and content.

This includes ensuring that

- Dogs are housed in clean and comfortable conditions with adequate heat and ventilation with particular regard to the animals' health, age and breed
- Dogs are provided with suitable and adequate food, drink and clean bedding
- Dogs are exercised and visited at suitable intervals to ensure their physical and mental wellbeing, and are in the care or supervision of a fit and responsible person
- Dogs are kept in a secure and safe environment and provided with sufficient space proportionate to the number of dogs kept
- Facilities for the keeping of dogs are suitable and maintained or kept in a good state of repair
- Dogs receive adequate grooming and veterinary treatment
- Reasonable emergency procedures are in place and that reasonable precautions are taken to ensure prevention of the spread of infectious or contagious diseases

## Paperwork

The inspecting Committee Member will want to see the paperwork and/or the puppy pack that is given to a new owner.

During this discussion, the Assessors will also want to see how the breeder keeps their breeding records. This will of course vary from breeder to breeder and there are no set requirements for how records are kept. However the Assessors will want to be assured that they are at least clear and identifiable and provide an insight into the breeder's record keeping.

Once the visit is completed, the inspecting committee member may discuss any concerns they have and will be pleased to answer any questions that you have about the visit process.

## After the visit

Following the visit, the inspecting Committee Member will complete the paperwork which will consist of a written report and return this to the EAKC Office. It will be put through a process noting any changes or alterations to the records held, and then a copy of the report will be sent to the breeder together with confirmation of the outcome of the visit. The report is confidential and remains a matter between the breeder and the Kennel Club.

It is very important that if there are any errors or omissions at this stage that the breeder contacts the office in writing to ensure that they are corrected.

In some cases there may be some further actions that the breeder needs to take to qualify for a EAKC Affix. Details of these actions will be listed in an improvements sheet which may consist of immediate improvements that need to be made or simply some suggestions of what would be considered 'good practice' and which the breeder may feel are good ideas for the future.

If improvements are required and it is considered that the facilities fall short of the standards expected, then a reasonable period of time will usually be given for the breeder to make the improvements (usually 90 days).

Once those improvements have been made we request that the breeders provide evidence that they have made the necessary improvements required to remain on the Scheme. This may simply be amended paperwork or may be other evidence such as photographs of repairs to kennels for example. In some cases we may require a further visit to be carried out to verify that the improvements have been adequately met.

The fundamental requirements of having an EAKC Affix are as follows:

- Ensure that all *breeding stock* is Kennel Club registered and hand over the dog's signed registration certificate at time of sale.
- Make health of breeding stock and puppies produced a particular priority and make use of health screening schemes, relevant to their breed.
- Allow their premises to be inspected and are assessed by a EAKC Committee Assessor to ensure compliance with the proposed standards.
- Commit to operate to high standards and duty of care and comply with all relevant laws.
- Only sell puppies bred by themselves and raised in their own safe and secure environment, which will meet all the requirements of the Affix Scheme.
- Socialize the puppies and provide written advice on continuation of socialization.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that purchasers are able to provide a suitable home and that they are committed to caring for the dog for the whole of its life and provide reasonable after-sales advice.
- Allow any purchaser to be able to view the puppies with their mother and siblings, in the environment that they were born and raised.
- Commit to help, if necessary, with the re-homing of any dog that they provide, throughout the dog's lifetime, for whatever reason.
- Issue a Puppy Pack for each dog sold containing up-to-date written information.

# EAKC Inspection for Grant of Affix

Inspectors						
<b>Applicant</b>						
Name:						
Email:						
Tel:						
<b>Location</b>						
Area:						
Street name:						
Gate:						
Landmarks:						
<b>Dog Enclosures</b>						
Cleanliness:						
Fencing:						
Feeding:						
Water:						
# of Registered Dogs:	Dogs		Bitches		Puppies	
Breeds present:	(Total:     ) )		(Total:     ) )			
# Unregistered Dogs:	Dogs		Bitches		Puppies	
Area for exercise:	Free					
	Walks					
<b>Condition of Dogs</b>						
Healthy coat:						
Fitness:						
Friendly:						
Pregnancies:						
<b>Notes</b>						
<b>Contents of the "Puppy Pack" Supplied to clients</b>						