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## FORM 5: Registration of Puppies Produced by Artificial Insemination (AI)

### GUIDE TO COMPLETING THIS FORM

The owner who wishes to register a litter of puppies by AI should complete this form using BLOCK CAPITALS in black/blue ink throughout. Whilst a special application is required at the time of registration, no special approval is necessary to register a litter produced by AI provided that all of the requirements listed in section 1) comply, and that the AI involves non-surgical insemination:-

### 1. Requirements for registration following AI

All litters produced by AI will be subject to existing E. A. Kennel Club registration regulations.

Litters produced by AI from maiden dogs or bitches will be accepted, but their progeny should produce a natural litter before they themselves are involved in an AI breeding. If the sire or dam subsequently produces a litter naturally the restriction on AI for the progeny no longer applies.

If the conditions are met, then the owner need only ensure that the AI form is completed and submitted along with the litter application form (form 1) at the time of registration. The form must specify the official registered name of both donor dog and bitch together with their registration numbers, if available. In the case of a dog domiciled outside of Kenya, the dog must be registered with a recognised overseas Kennel Club and confirmed by an official three generation pedigree issued by their Official Kennel Club of the country of origin. The Registration Certificates of any resultant progeny will be endorsed with the initials (AI) after the dog's name to indicate that they were bred by artificial insemination.

If however the AI does not satisfy all of these requirements, the owner will need to apply to the E. A. Kennel Club for special approval for such registration which will be at the discretion of E. A. Kennel Club Council. Such submissions should be made directly to the Kennel Club stating clearly the reasons why the above requirements have not been or will not be met. If the submission involves the use of surgical insemination, the case must be accompanied by a declaration from a veterinary surgeon as to why this particular procedure is / was necessary. There is no guarantee that any such litter will be registered.

### 2. Methods of Insemination

There are three general methods adopted for insemination:

- a) Non-surgical - intravaginal, where semen is placed directly into the vaginal canal
- b) Non-surgical - trans-cervical using a catheter and/or an endoscope
- c) Surgical - requiring general anaesthesia

These approaches have different "welfare debts" for the bitch being inseminated. It is generally considered that the "welfare debts" of the non-surgical methods in a) are extremely low and so the benefits from using AI need not be too large to justify the use of this technology to achieve insemination. For this reason, the Council will approve the registration of AI litters produced from non-surgical approaches, provided that all of the above requirements, outlined in section 1) are met.

The E. A. Kennel Club is advised that surgical insemination as described in 2c), has "many disadvantages for the bitch", and so has a higher "welfare debt". This means that the benefits accrued from its use will have to be considerable to offset this "welfare debt". The RCVS advises veterinary surgeons that surgical AI is justified "only for exceptional reasons", and requires the vet to "record in the bitch's clinical records why trans-cervical insemination is not a practical option and the justification for the invasive procedure".

The Council therefore expects that the number of applications to register a litter conceived by surgical AI will be small, and each request will be dealt with on its merits. The Committee will require justification of the net benefit to the bitch in conceiving as a result of the "invasive procedure". Breeders should therefore discuss this with their AI practitioner before proceeding and, in making a case for registration, include a statement from the vet as to why surgical insemination is/was necessary. They should also provide a statement justifying the need for AI and the benefits that accrue from its use.

Approval in such cases will be at the discretion of the Council.

**APPLICANT(S); Registered owner(s) of the dam.**

Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
 P. O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affix: \_\_\_\_\_

**DAM**

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registered Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Previous Litters: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANTS**

I / we hereby certify that the particulars contained in this form are correct to the best of my / our knowledge.  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONOR DOG**

Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registered Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of death (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Has the dog produced registered litters naturally? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country of residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of semen collection: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNERS OF THE DOG / SEMEN**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION BY THE OWNERS OF THE DOG / SEMEN**

I / we hereby certify that the particulars contained in this form are correct to the best of my / our knowledge.  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_