

Regulations for Classification and Registration



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1. CLASSIFICATION

1.1 Breeds Recognised

The East Africa Kennel Club recognises for the purpose of separate registration:

- a) Those breeds recognised by The Kennel Club for the purpose of registration at the discretion of the Council of the East Africa Kennel Club:
- b) Those breeds recognised for registration by the ruling canine authority in their country of origin For Obedience, Agility and Working and Field Trial & Test Records only, any dog of any ancestry.
- c) A dog registered with this record shall not be entered in any form of competition except Obedience Classes, Agility, Working or Field Trials and tests.

1.2 Groups Recognised

For the purpose of Competition between dogs of different breeds, the grouping of breeds shall be that adopted by The Kennel Club – that is Sporting (Hound, Gundog, Terrier) and Non-Sporting (Utility, Working, Pastoral and Toy).

1.3 Breed Registers

A separate Register, called The Breed Register, is kept by the East Africa Kennel Club for each of the Breeds in (a & b) above, and at the discretion of the Council for each of the breeds in (b). A separate record is kept for dogs registered under (c).

A Dog's Breed:

A dog shall be deemed to be of the breed named in the Breed Register in which it is entered or eligible for entry.

Subject to any Proviso to these regulations, no dog shall be entered in Any Breed Register unless each of its parents is entered in that Register.

1.3.1 Proviso – Interbred dogs

- a) Regulations for registration of interbred dogs shall follow those of The Kennel Club as may be in force from time to time.
- b) A dog bred from Dachshunds of different divisions in respect of coat or weight must be registered as an interbred and must be entered in the register of the breed division it most closely resembles.
- c) If dogs of the same division are mated together, any member of the resulting litter which conforms more closely to the standard of some other division within the same breed than with that of the division of its parents shall be eligible for entry in the register of such other division, as an interbred
- d) In all cases the names of the breed divisions making the interbreeding must be stated
- e) Registration of dogs within breed divisions subject to coat, weight or height restriction may be revised at the request of the owner after the dog has attained the age of twelve (12) months. No charge will be made for this revision.
- f) A dog bred from a parent registered as an interbred must be registered as an interbred.

2. Requirements for Registration

In order that a **Litter**, **Single Dog** or **Imported Dog** can be registered, the appropriate E.A.K.C. form correctly filled and duly signed by all parties is required.

2.1 Definition of Terms

Owner: The owner/s as last recorded at the East Africa Kennel Club.

Breeder: The breeder of a litter is the registered owner of the bitch at the time of whelping.

Litter: Any number of whelps born from the same mating

Country bred: Dogs born in East Africa, irrespective of the origin of the sire and dam, or the location of the mating.

Scheduled Breed: Dogs of breeds scheduled by the Council as being subject to hereditary disease or disability.

Fully Pedigreed: A dog or litter with at least three (3) generations of recorded ancestry establishing that each dog in the three (3) generations was of the same breed and registered in its country of birth. Each dog named in the three (3) generations must be identified by its registered name and number.

2.2 Countrybred Dogs

Registration shall be effected in accordance with the following regulations:

2.2.1 *Age of Sire*

No litter sired by a dog under eight (8) months of age or exceeding its twelve (12) years at the time of mating shall be registered. This rule may be waived at the discretion of the Council with regard to the breed involved.

2.2.2 *Age of Dam*

No litter from a dam will be registered when

- a. The dam has already whelped 5 litters.
- b. The dam was under sixteen(16) months at the age of whelping
- c. The dam was over eight(8) years of age at the date of whelping
- d. Less than one (1) year has elapsed since the birth of the last litter.

These rules may be waived at the discretion of the Council with regard to the breed involved.

2.2.3 *Microchip*

A Breeding dog or bitch must be microchipped. The microchip number must be registered prior to registration of a litter in the case of specified breeds. Breeds will be specified and published at the discretion of the Council of the East Africa Kennel Club

2.2.4 *Artificial Insemination*

The registration of countrybred dogs produced by Artificial Insemination, whether utilizing fresh live, fresh extended or frozen semen, shall be subject to the regulations published by the EAKC and in force at the time of insemination.

2.2.5 *Recommendation*

It is strongly recommended that all breeding stock shall have their hips x-rayed and scored under the EAKC/Kenya Vet Board scheme. A Blue Registration Certificate will be issued to puppies each of whose parents have a total Hip Score of 20 or under and a pink certificate issued for parents with a total hip score of 21-40. X-rays of elbows and tests for any other known inherited defect should also be carried out where possible.¹

2.3 Litters

For purebred, fully pedigreed litters not exceeding twelve (12) months of age, bred from *EAKC registered parents*, and certified by the breeder and the owner of the sire in a declaration on the application form.

A litter produced from EAKC registered parents or a bitch imported in whelp must be registered by the breeder as a litter before the litter is twelve (12) months old.

2.3.1 *Frequency of Breeding*

Only one (1) litter per twelve (12) months per bitch shall be eligible for registration. As a result of application from the breeder made prior to the second mating, Council may waive this rule under exceptional circumstances.

2.3.2 All whelps which the breeder wishes to register should be registered at this time.

2.3.3 In exceptional circumstances, a request may be made to Council and the breed club where appropriate, to register single dog produced from EAKC registered parents which was not registered by the breeder at the correct time. This application may be made by the (new) owner after the age of 12 months. Application must be accompanied by a duly completed registration form, signed by both the owner of the sire and dam of the litter, a letter of no objection from the breed club where applicable, and a letter explaining circumstances. A dog may be registered with the breeder's affix, only while in the registered ownership of the breeder.

2.4 Imported Bitches

For purebred, fully pedigreed litters not exceeding twelve (12) months of age, bred from a *bitch imported in whelp*, the following additional regulations apply:

- 2.4.1 The bitch must be registered with the EAKC in class 1 as an imported dog.
- 2.4.2 The Application to register the litter must be accompanied by:
 - a. Official pedigree of the sire from the country in which the sire is registered, which must meet the same requirements as for the registration with the EAKC in Class 1 of an imported dog.
 - b. A certificate of Mating stating date(s) and place, certified by the signatures of the registered owner of the sire, and of the registered owner of the bitch at the time of mating, at least one of whom must also certify witness to the mating(s).
- 2.4.3 A litter produced from EAKC registered parents or a bitch imported in whelp must be registered by the breeder as a litter, before the litter is twelve (12) months old.
- 2.4.4 Application must be made on the official litter registration form irrespective of the number of whelps in the litter.
- 2.4.5 The application must include full details of the total litter, i.e. numbers of dogs/bitches born, stillborn, culled, died before registration and whether produced by natural mating or artificial insemination. No further registration for whelps from the litter will be accepted at a later date.

2.5 Endorsements

Any endorsements of registration required by the breeder at the time of litter registration must be stipulated on the application. *Any or all of the following endorsements* may be placed on any or all of the whelps:

- a. Not eligible for entry at Shows/Field Trials/Obedience Classes/Agility/Working Trials
- b. Progeny not eligible for registration
- c. Not eligible for issue of an Export Pedigree
- d. Name unchangeable

2.5.1 *Placing and Cancellation of Endorsements*

Endorsements may be placed only by the owner of a dog. Any endorsements shall be lifted only at the written request of the individual imposing it. However, the Council reserves the right to place, remove or maintain any endorsement. Endorsement shall be stated on the registration and transfer certificates issued by the East Africa Kennel Club, as well as on the dog's registration card.

2.6 *Multiple Service of a Bitch*

If a bitch is served by more than one dog of the same breed in the same heat the identity of the correct sire of each puppy in the litter must be established via DNA screening. Failure to establish the sire(s) will result in non- registration of the litter.

2.7 Imported Dogs

An imported dog or bitch will be eligible for registration in Class 1, provided that:

- a. It is already registered in a country with which the EAKC or The Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement, or which is a member of the Federation Cynologique Internationale (FCI)
- b. Application for registration is supported by the original official Export Pedigree, of at least 3 generations, issued by a recognised ruling canine authority in the country of origin, date of importation, name and address of importer, and evidence of registered transfer of ownership to the person(s) applying for registration with the EAKC.
- c. The Council may at its discretion also accept for registration dogs of pure breeds, which are not Scheduled Breeds, indigenous to and imported from countries where there is no ruling canine authority or which have no registration system. Notwithstanding that the parents may not be known. These dogs shall be registered as Class 3. Progression to Class 1 shall be as set out in 2.8.2
- d. *Litters born outside East Africa* from parents registered in East Africa must first be registered in the country of their birth, provided that a ruling canine authority exists in that country. If no such ruling canine authority exists, then registration in East Africa must be considered at the discretion of the Council.

- e. *Dogs with Cropped Ears* are not eligible for registration, except that dogs imported with ears cropped from countries which require or permit cropped ears in their standard for the Breed may be registered if otherwise eligible for registration. It must be stated on the application for registration of such dogs that they were imported with ears cropped.
- f. An indication shall be added to the registration number of imported dogs to show that they were imported.

2.8 Class 3 – Dogs Of Pedigree Undocumented In Part

At the discretion of the Council, for individual dogs not of a Scheduled Breed, over the age of 6 months, bred from one (1) Class 1 registered parent, subject to:

- 2.8.1 The application first being approved in principle by the relevant breed club or Council and to certification by two judges appointed by the Council.
- 2.8.2 Progression from Class 3 to Class 1 shall be Class 3, Class 2a, Class 2, Class 1, except that:
 - a. The progeny of a dog holding Class 3 registration shall only be registered as Class 3 unless the other parent holds a Class 1 registration, in which event the progeny will be eligible for class 2a registration.
 - b. The progeny of a dog holding Class 2a registration shall only be registered as Class 2a-unless the other parent holds Class 1 registration, in which event the progeny will be eligible for class 2 registration.
 - c. The progeny of a dog holding Class 2 registration shall only be registered as Class 2 unless the other parent holds Class 1 registration, in which event the progeny will be eligible for class 1 registration.

The progeny of a dog other than a Class 1 mated to a dog other than a Class 1 take the lower of the two classifications of the parents.

2.9 Issue of Export Pedigree

Only dogs registered as Class 1 may be eligible for the issue of an Export Pedigree, and if not, prohibited b endorsement.

2.9.1 *Cancellation of Registration*

In the event of the owner of a registered dog over the age of six (6) months having doubt as to the purity of breeding of that dog, the owner may apply to the EAKC for the dog to be DNA tested. The breeder and owners of all registered litter mates will be notified of the result.

- 2.9.2 In the event that the dog fails the DNA test—the registration of the dog and all its litter mates will be suspended pending application by the owners for their dogs to be DNA tested in accordance with 2.9.1.

2.10 Registration NOT a Guarantee

The acceptance of registration is not a guarantee of its accuracy. If in any doubt the EAKC will obtain DNA verification.

2.11 Scheduled Breeds

- 2.11.1 Application for the registration of Scheduled Breeds, such as the Rhodesian Ridgeback must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate, on a form issued by the EAKC, confirming the absence of hereditary Disease or Disability.
- 2.11.2 Any registration of a dog of a Scheduled Breed may be cancelled or endorsed by the Council should it be proved to the satisfaction of the Council that any statement made by the Veterinary Certificate is no longer correct.
- 2.11.3 No dog of a Scheduled Breed may be registered, other than for Obedience, Agility and Working Trials purposes, if it has an unknown or part unknown pedigree.

3. Ownership

3.1 Definition of Terms

For the purposes of these regulations, the owner of a dog is:

- a. The owner(s) as last recorded at the East Africa Kennel Club
- b. The breeder of all dogs in a litter which the breeder has registered before the age of three (3) months, until such time as the whelps are officially transferred to the new owners.
- c. In the case of an imported dog, the transferee(s) in East Africa as recorded on the official Export Pedigree. Registration must be completed within one (1) year from the date of application.

3.2 Joint Ownership

Joint ownership is permitted but is strongly discouraged except in the case of immediate family members. Applications for registration in, or transfer to, joint ownership must be accompanied by signed Declaration on the Official Form, confirming agreement to the following regulations, inter alia:

- 3.2.1 The signature of *any one owner* will be required to enter the dog in shows, tests or trials.
- 3.2.2 The signatures of *all owners* will be required to confirm mating, apply to register a litter, and apply to transfer the dog to other ownership or apply for an export pedigree.
- 3.2.3 In the event of one joint owner ceasing to reside in East Africa, being convicted of cruelty to animals in a court of law or dying, sole ownership will revert to the other joint owner(s).
- 3.2.4 In the event of one joint owner being suspended from the privileges of the EAKC, sole ownership will revert to the other joint owner(s) if not also suspended.

3.3 Ownership and Transfer of Ownership Unconditional

- 3.3.1 A dog registered by the EAKC is deemed to be solely and unconditionally the property of the person(s) having made the application for registration, whose declaration to this effect is incorporated in the application form.
- 3.3.2 The transfer of ownership of a registered dog is also deemed to be unconditional, a declaration to this effect being incorporated on the application form.
- 3.3.3 Any arrangements for special stud terms for a dog or breeding terms for a bitch or otherwise conditions of sale are contractual arrangements to be concluded in separate written legal agreement between/among the parties involved, and will not be recorded or organised by the EAKC, which will not arbitrate or intervene in or recognise disputes arising from such agreements, other than to abide by decisions which may be handed down by a court of law.

3.4 Unsigned Transfers

- 3.4.1 Where the signature(s) of the previous registered owner(s) cannot be obtained, an application for transfer of ownership will be considered by the Council if supported by a letter of explanation, with relevant documents, including a declaration by the applicant(s) confirming that the EAKC is absolved from any liability which may result from acceptance of the unsigned transfer.
- 3.4.2 Notification of the existence of an unsigned transfer shall be incorporated on the transfer certificate, and any subsequent transfer certificates.

4. Name

4.1 Countrybred Dogs

- 4.1.1 A dog's name is selected by the person first registering the dog.
- 4.1.2 A name must consist of more than one word, but no name including an Affix shall exceed 24 letters, each space, hyphen, full stop or apostrophe to count as a letter.
- 4.1.3 The following are not acceptable for inclusion in names:
 - a. Numbers in figures, or in words if indicating sequence
 - b. A single letter word to begin a name
 - c. The registree's surname
 - d. Canine terms, e.g. dog, bitch, champion, Crufts, Kennel
 - e. Breed names or breed abbreviations such as "Doby"

- f. Words or names which might offend
 - g. Proper or geographical names where these are part of the breed name, e.g. German or Germany for a German Shepherd
 - h. Words from a dog's pedigree which may be affixes held by another person
- 4.1.4 When naming a litter, the same word may not be used in naming more than two (2) puppies unless application has been granted to use this word as an Affix, or it is used in conjunction with an already registered Affix.
 - 4.1.5 Two alternative names must be submitted in addition to the one desired, except where a registered affix is used or in the case of dogs to be registered only for Obedience, Agility or Working Trials.
 - 4.1.6 A name once registered cannot be registered in the same breed for 15 years after the 1st of January following the last registration
 - 4.1.7 The Council reserves the right to refuse to register any name which it regards inappropriate

4.2 Affix

The Council may grant to a Voting Member of the East Africa Kennel Club an application to register an Affix so as to give the grantee, during the continuance of the grant, sole right to use such Affix as part of a name when registering or changing the name of a dog.

- 4.2.1 An Affix consists of one word only not exceeding twelve (12) letters and must not be hyphenated.
- 4.2.2 The following are not acceptable for an Affix:
 - a. Names of countries, cities or titles
 - b. Numbers in figures or words
 - c. Single letters
 - d. Names of notable persons
 - e. The registree's surname
 - f. Canine terms
 - g. Words or names which might offend
- 4.2.3 An Affix constitutes part of a name and cannot be used for registration by any person other than the person who for the time being is entitled under a subsisting grant of the Council.
- 4.2.4 The Council may grant the use of an Affix to a Partnership but the word can be used only for the registration of dogs owned by the partnership and not separately by the individual partners. If it is proposed to use the word for registration of names of dogs owned by the partnership and singly, the Affix must be registered separately by the partnership and the individual partners.
- 4.2.5 Where the grantee of an Affix wishes to utilize it when registering or changing the name of a dog solely and unconditionally the grantee's property, it must be used as a *Prefix*, that is to say, as the first word in a name, if the dog:
 - a. Was bred by the grantee, or
 - b. Was bred from parents each of which was bred by the grantee
 Otherwise, it must be used as a *suffix*, that is to say, the last word in the name.
 However, holders of Affixes granted before 3 April 1989, whether prefix or suffix, will be permitted the use of the Affix in its existing form.
- 4.2.6 No word may be used more than twice by the same owner or breeder without having been granted as an Affix by Council.
- 4.2.7 Any grant will be at the discretion of the Council, who may cancel any grant at any time.

4.3 Maintenance of an Affix

- 4.3.1 Following the initial grant of an Affix, it may be maintained by Voting Members at the members' rate in force for the relevant year.
- 4.3.2 Should membership lapse, the Affix may be maintained at non-members' rates, subject to approval by Council.
- 4.3.3 Should maintenance of the Affix lapse, the Affix may be reinstated, subject to approval by Council, only under the following circumstances

- a. For Voting Members, by payment of all arrears of maintenance of Affix fees at the current members' rates, to a maximum of five (5) years.
- b. For Non-members, by payment of all arrears of maintenance of Affix fees at the current non-members' rates, to a maximum of five (5) years.
- c. No Affix should be re-used until fifteen (15) years has elapsed from the date of lapse.

4.4 Life Affix

Life affix may be granted to a Full Member on payment of a single fee equivalent to ten (10) years maintenance of Affix fee at the current members' rate, and once surrendered cannot be re-issued for twenty-five (25) years

4.5 Imported Dogs

The name of the dog imported from, and already registered in any country, cannot be changed except by the addition of a registered Affix at the time of registration and the addition of the EAKC notation indicating country of origin.

4.6 Change of Name

Unless an endorsement prohibiting change of name has been placed in accordance with these regulations, the name of a registered dog can be changed once only by the addition of a registered Affix to the original name. For such changed names, the limit of 24 letters need no longer apply.

5. Control of Registration

5.1 Forms and Fees

An application to register, transfer, change or cancel the name of a dog, endorse a registration or transfer or for the grant of a registered Affix must be made on the appropriate official form provided by the EAKC and must be accompanied by such fee as may be fixed by the Council from time to time.

5.2 Reservation of Council's Right

The Council may reject any application to register an Affix or to register or transfer any dog or to change a name and may cancel or suspend any registration or transfer or grant of an Affix already made. In addition, the Council reserves to itself the right to approve the registration of any dog where both parents are registered with the EAKC.

6. Issue of Pedigrees

On written application by the registered owner(s) and payment of the stipulated fee, the EAKC may issue the following pedigrees for eligible EAKC registered dogs.

Information on these pedigrees, relating to dogs imported into East Africa is based on the official Export Pedigree form from the Country of Origin.

6.1 Export Pedigree

Unless prohibited by endorsement, available for Class 1 registered dogs being exported, provided the dog has been registered with the EAKC prior to its leaving East Africa. This is a three-generation pedigree bearing the seal of the EAKC affixed at a meeting of the Council or the Executive Committee.

6.2 Certified Pedigree

There are two types of Official Pedigree, neither of which is valid for export purposes.

6.2.1 A sealed four-generation pedigree, available for Class 1 registered dogs not being exported, e.g. the sire of a litter carried by a bitch being exported in whelp.

6.2.2 An unsealed four-generation pedigree, available for any EAKC registered dog.

7. Compliance with East Africa Kennel Club Rules & Regulations

Any person making application to the EAKC for any purpose is deemed to be bound by the East Africa Kennel Club Rules and Regulations as shall be amended from time to time.

ⁱ Addendum to the Regulations for Classification and Registration



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NEW RULES ON HIP SCORES FOR THE GSD

The GSD Breed Council and Main Committee have altered the scoring ref the PINK registration

- BLUE registration; stays at 20
- PINK registration; a joint max of 40.
 - The male may have a maximum of 25. The female may have a maximum of 30.
Therefore a female with a score of 30 must go to a male of max 10 = 40

A male scored 25 and a female scored 30 may be awarded a Breed Survey *Class 1 ** but not *Class 1*

NB a *Class 1 ** is also given to animals which are a maximum of 2.5cms over or undersize.

' * ' denotes "caution".

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