

New Zealand Kennel Club (Inc)

(Affiliated with The Kennel Club, England)
(Associated with the Federation Cynologique Internationale)

RULES AND REGULATIONS



Accredited Breeders Scheme



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19. ACCREDITED BREEDERS SCHEME

- 19.1 This scheme is to be managed and monitored by the New Zealand Kennel Club.
- 19.2 Application must be made in writing. Only a financial member of the New Zealand Kennel Club may apply to join the scheme. Once approved, names of new members will be published in NZ Dog World and the Accredited Breeders Logo supplied for their use.
- 19.3 The New Zealand Kennel Club reserves the right to refuse an application. Any such refusal may be subject to appeal within fourteen days.
- 19.4 Sire and dam of litters notified by an accredited breeder must be permanently identified (microchip or tattoo).
- 19.5 Sire and dam of all litters notified by an accredited breeder must be DNA profiled and the details lodged with the New Zealand Kennel Club.
- 19.6 All litters bred by an Accredited Breeder must be notified to the New Zealand Kennel Club and all puppies registered on one of New Zealand Kennel Club's Registers. This will be effective from date of Accreditation.
- 19.7 Transfers of ownership must be lodged with the New Zealand Kennel Club within 14 days of the date of sale. A feedback form may be posted to the new owners by New Zealand Kennel Club.
- 19.8 A Dog or Bitch must not be bred from before 12 months and must have had all appropriate health checks for the breed.
- 19.9 No registration of puppies will be accepted from matings of father-daughter, mother-son or brother-sister. Brother-sister defined as same sire and dam, not necessarily the same litter, but not applying to half-brother/sister. A provision for dispensation may be given for good cause shown prior to mating. Any dispensation must be received in writing from the Director/Secretary.
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 - (i) No Dam is to be bred from over the age of 8 years at whelping. A provision for dispensation may be given for good cause shown prior to mating.
 - (ii) Maximum number of litters in a life time: no registration of puppies from litters beyond 4 litters from a bitch in her lifetime. With no exceptions expected.
 - (iii) A maximum number of litters from any bitch cannot exceed 2 in any 18 month period.
 - (iv) All New Zealand resident owners or lessees of the bitch must have achieved Accreditation.
- 19.11 Accredited breeders must provide to each new owner an official Accredited Breeder Puppy Sales Pack. The packs will be available from the New Zealand Kennel Club.

- 19.12 An official Accredited Breeder Sales and Purchase Agreement must be given to each new owner regardless of which Register the dog will be registered on.
- 19.13 All Accredited breeders will provide the New Zealand Kennel Club upon request with the opportunity to review their compliance procedures and to investigate any issues.
- 19.14 NZKC reserves the right to alter the criteria for qualification as an Accredited Breeder. This may include but not be limited to the addition, deletion and modification of breed specific health tests required under the scheme.
- 19.15 Any person wishing to make a complaint about an Accredited Breeder must do so in writing to the Director/Secretary. Any such complaint must be lodged within 14 days of the time when the matter which is the subject of the complaint either was discovered or should have been discovered.
- 19.16 Non Members with a complaint against an NZKC Accredited Breeder may request that a complaint be laid by the Director Secretary on behalf of the New Zealand Kennel Club as per Rule 35.3 (b). Once due process has been followed, if an Accredited breeder is found to be in breach of any Regulation they may have their membership of the Accredited Breeder Scheme rescinded.