



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB™

## Performance Events Department

December 2024

To: **All Clubs Licensed to Host Herding Tests and Trials**

Subject: **FSS Breeds in Herding are Eligible to Earn Prefix Titles**

This is to inform all clubs licensed to hold herding events that a change will be made to the *AKC Herding Regulations*. This change will allow FSS breeds eligible to participate in Herding trials, the ability to earn the herding prefix title, Herding Champion (HC). This change will be effective March 5, 2024.

The exact wording of this change is noted in bold, underline and will appear in the next printing of the regulations as follows:

### **Chapter 1. Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs.**

#### *Second paragraph.*

All dogs nine (9) months of age or older that are enrolled in the AKC Foundation Stock Service (FSS) program and are from breeds accepted into the herding program are eligible to participate in herding tests and trials. FSS breeds may earn suffix **and prefix** titles ~~only~~.

This regulation update has been posted to the [Herding Regulations Update](#) webpage. Please send any comments or questions to: [herding@akc.org](mailto:herding@akc.org)