

The Importance of Registration – Why Breeders of Merit are required to register their puppies

The Breeder of Merit Benefits

The BOM program provides benefits in exchange for a promise to ensure the puppies from your litters are registered and the parents of the litters are appropriately health tested.

- Free Leases, duplicate certificates, and Revocation of limited status
- Free Marketplace litter listings
- Online credit for downloadable reports
- Registration support and assistance
- Breeder of Merit direct line for support

Benefits of Registration

- Allows you to keep track of your puppies and records the relevant information needed for record keeping
- Re-enforces the pride of having a purebred dog, and can encourage new owners to get involved with AKC activities with their purebred dog
- Registration numbers support AKC relevance and authority when fighting or influencing legislation
- Subsidizes AKC events, health research, Government Relations, scholarships, and other programs

Prepaid Registration in Breeder Toolkit and the Full Litter Offspring Plus form provide easy, convenient, and discounted registration tools to help you achieve 100% registration

Yes, your registration fee makes a difference.

- Every year, AKC allocates **millions of dollars** to fund invaluable programs for the betterment of dogs and communities. *The not-for-profit AKC is the only purebred dog registry that offers these programs and services:*
- **AKC Canine Health Foundation**
Founded and supported by the AKC, the AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC-CHF) (www.akcCHF.org) works to improve the quality of life for dogs and their owners by funding research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies.
- **Public Education**
The AKC works with dog club volunteers, teachers, and librarians across the country to educate children and adults about the responsibilities of dog ownership, basic dog care and training, and safety around dogs.
- **Government Relations**
The AKC Government Relations department monitors and provides input for federal, state and local legislation governing responsible dog ownership. Sign up for legislative alerts about dog laws that may affect you at the “Legislative Alerts” section of www.akc.org.

- **Kennel Inspections**

Kennel inspections ensure the integrity of the AKC registry and monitor care and conditions at kennels across the country. The AKC is the only purebred dog registry in the United States that maintains a systematic and sustained investigation and inspection effort. The AKC conducts thousands of inspections each year to ensure compliance with standards that support the health, safety, and welfare of dogs and the environments in which they live.

- **DNA Profiling**

The AKC has built the world's largest database of canine DNA profiles for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity. AKC uses DNA certification to ensure reliable registration records vital to the preservation and advancement of purebred dogs.

- **Canine Search-and-Rescue**

The AKC supports professional and volunteer canine search-and-rescue (SAR) organizations throughout the United States through its national program, DOGNYsm — America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs. To date, DOGNYsm fundraising efforts have raised nearly \$3 million for the support of canine SAR organizations throughout America.

- **Canine Good Citizen® program**

The AKC Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) program is a certification program that rewards dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. Each year, the AKC certifies more than 30,000 dogs as official Canine Good Citizens.

- **AKC Museum of the Dog**

The AKC Museum of the Dog, in New York, maintains one of the world's largest collections of dog-related fine art and artifacts. Founded and supported by the AKC, the museum is open year-round to the public and offers many educational programs and special exhibitions.

- **And much more**

To learn more about how easy it is to register and the many programs and services offered by the AKC, visit www.akc.org or call (919) 233-9767.