

Litter Registration Ownership Requirements

Dogs West has recently seen an increase in litter registration applications where the ownership details of the sire and/or dam do not meet the required ANKC and Dogs West regulations at the time of mating, whelping, or registration.

To help avoid compliance issues and processing delays members are reminded of the following requirements:

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2.1.3 the owner of the dam of the litter must:

- be a financial member of an ANKC Ltd Member Body and
- have a current financial ANKC Prefix at the dates
 - of mating and
 - of whelping **and**
 - **of registration.**

2.1.4 the registered owner of the stud dog for the litter must be a financial member of an ANKC Ltd member body at the time of the mating.

Common issues being identified

Recent applications have highlighted several recurring issues, including:

- the sire not being owned by a financial member at the time of mating
- co-owned sires where only one owner is a financial member
- dams being leased to a breeder, where the lease has expired prior to litter registration.

In all cases, ownership and financial membership status must be correct at the relevant time points outlined in the regulations.

What happens if details are incorrect?

Where discrepancies are identified, breeders are being contacted to correct ownership records before the litter can be processed. This may include:

- transferring or leasing the sire to the correct financial membership (including backdating where applicable), and/or
- ensuring dam lease arrangements cover the full relevant period

Please note that any required transfer or lease must be completed on the reverse of the original pedigree and submitted to the Dogs West office. Applicable fees apply for backdated transfers or leases.

Reminder

Ensuring ownership and membership details are correct at the time of mating is the responsibility of the breeder and essential to avoid processing delays, additional administrative steps at the time of litter registration and potential compliance issues.

Members are encouraged to review all ownership arrangements carefully prior to mating and to contact the office if clarification is needed.