

USA BREED REGISTRY REGULATIONS

A. GENERAL

1. Anyone wishing to register a kennel, litter or individually register a dog must be a member of the USA and must conform to USA rules and regulations.
2. All necessary fees must be paid and all paperwork must be completed and returned to the USA office.
3. Failure to submit all required paperwork within the specified time limits may result in rejection of registration application and forfeiture of fees.
4. All dogs applying for registration must be tattooed before a registration certificate will be issued.
5. Registration Fees (All fees are subject to change)
 - a. Kennel Registration \$30.00
 - b. Litter Registration \$20.00 + \$5.00 per puppy
 - c. Individual Dog Registration \$35.00
 - d. Update USA Pedigree \$10.00 (Registered Dog's titles, breed survey, hip evaluations, conformation titles, registration category, transfer of ownership, etc.)
6. All dogs registered with USA will receive a USA Pedigree.
7. Only titles recognized by USA will appear on a USA pedigree.
8. Hip Certification must appear on USA Registrations for all dogs over 30 months of age. If no valid Hip Certification is available the number 00 will be printed in the hip rating section for the dog.
9. A dog may elevate from one category to another by submission of the original USA Pedigree, proof of titles earned and the fee of \$10.00 to the USA office.
10. Titles, breed survey, hip evaluations, conformation titles, etc. may be updated by submission of the original USA pedigree, proof of titles earned and the fee of \$10.00 to the USA office.
11. All dogs registered with USA will receive a registration number that begins with the letter A.

B. KENNEL REGISTRATIONS

1. Kennel Registrations are \$30.00.
2. A Kennel Registration Application Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office along with the application fee.
3. No kennel name will be accepted which is already a recognized USA or SV kennel name belonging to someone else, or which is easily mistaken as such.
4. The owner of a registered kennel must maintain a current USA membership. If at any time the kennel owner's membership is no longer current the kennel registration will be cancelled.
5. Sending written request and an additional fee of \$50.00 to the USA office may reinstate a kennel registration.

C. INDIVIDUAL DOG REGISTRATIONS

1. Individual dog registrations are \$35.00.
2. An Individual Dog Registration Application Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office along with the application fee and other required documentation.
3. The applicant must provide a copy of the USA recognized registration papers. Failure to provide registration papers may result in forfeiture of fees and rejection of the application.
4. An AKC Pedigree is optional (preferred) but not required to register a dog. You must indicate on the application that a pedigree is not available.
5. Copies of hip certification and a copy of the dog's scorebook (if applicable) showing applicable titles, scorebook number and full name of dog, along with proof of other titles earned (i.e. North Am. Ch., Sieger, SchH titles, etc.) MUST accompany the registration application. Also, a copy of the breed survey (if applicable) and show card (if applicable) MUST be submitted.
6. Proof of parents'/grandparents working titles, breed surveys show ratings and hip certification (if applicable) must accompany the registration application if they are to appear on the registration or pedigree.
7. NO titles, breed surveys, show ratings or hip certifications will be included on a USA Registration without proper documentation.

8. The dog must be tattooed prior to registration with USA. USA Breed Warden, USA Tattooer, Licensed Veterinarian, Member of the USA Breed Advisory Committee or a Körmeister MUST verify the tattoo, unless the tattoo number is listed on the dog's official pedigree. The Tattoo Verification Form must be completed by the USA authorized person (USA Breed Warden, USA Tattooer, Licensed Veterinarian, Member of the USA Breed Advisory Committee or a Körmeister) and submitted to the USA Office before the USA pedigree will be issued.
9. All dogs registered with USA will receive a registration number that begins with the letter A.
10. The USA Pedigree will be issued when all registration requirements are met.

D. BREEDING REGULATIONS FOR USA REGISTERED LITTERS

1. Breeding Age
At the time of breeding, the female must be at least 20 months old and less than nine years old. The male must be at least two years old and less than ten years old. Exceptions are possible upon agreement with the Breed Advisory Committee.
2. Both parents must have a USA recognized working title and show rating of at least 'good'. Both parents must be registered with the USA. (See registration categories)
3. Hip Certification
At the time of breeding, both parents must have a USA-recognized hip rating with tattoo number or microchip identification.
4. Frequency of Breeding
The frequency of breeding shall be as follows:
 - a. The male may not breed more than two females in one week and not more than 40 females in one year.
 - b. Females are allowed only two litters per year. Exceptions are possible upon agreement with the Breed Committee.
5. Breed Standard
No member's dog may be bred that does not conform to the USA Standard for the German Shepherd Dog and free of disqualifying faults. Furthermore, a member's dog may not be bred to any other dog that does not conform to this standard. The translation of the German Shepherd Dog F.C.I. Standard, MO. 166/23.03.1991/D translated from the SV publication in 1998. (USA Standard for the GSD is available on USA website at http://germanshepherddog.com/regulations/breed_standard.htm)
6. Foreign Breeding
If a member's female is bred in Germany under SV rules, the owner of the stud dog does not need to be a member of USA and the stud dog need not be registered with USA.

E. LITTER REGISTRATIONS

1. The breeder must have applied for a USA registered Kennel name prior to registering a litter.
2. Litter registration fees are \$20.00 + \$5.00 per puppy. USA pedigrees will be issued.
3. The Report of Breeding Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office.
4. Within one week of tattooing, a Litter Registration Application and the Litter Tattoo and Certification Form must be completed, signed and sent to the USA office along with the fee. All puppies must be listed on the Litter Registration Application.
5. The breeder may assign/use their own tattoo numbers, those tattoo numbers must be listed on the litter application. The registered kennel name must be incorporated into the individual name of the puppies and must follow the alphabet. (I.e. If the kennel name is "von Haus Nica Meyer" the first litter would be your "A" litter, therefore all first names must start with an "A", such as "Adam von Haus Nica Meyer.
6. A USA Breed Warden or a licensed veterinarian (upon approval by the Regional Breed Warden) must see the entire litter. The completed Litter Tattoo and Certification Form must be sent to the USA office. The breeder of the litter may not do the certification of the litter.
7. Puppies should be tattooed between six and eight weeks of age. As soon as it has been determined that the female is in whelp, arrangements should be made for a Tattooer. Contact your Regional Breed Warden for assistance.
8. All USA registered litters, when tattooed with USA Official tattoo-numbers before eight weeks of age, should be tattooed in the right ear.

9. The Tattooer must be a USA Tattooer, Regional Breed Warden or a licensed veterinarian (upon approval by the regional Breed Warden) The person who performs the tattooing must sign the Litter Tattoo and Certification Form.
10. The breeder may not tattoo his/her own litter.
11. USA pedigrees will be issued when all registration requirements are met.

F. REGISTRATION CATEGORIES (1–4 applies to litter registration only)

1. Elite – Pink Papers:
 - Both parents registered with USA
 - Both parents have valid breed survey
 - All 4 grandparents with recognized working title
 - Dog is tattooed
2. Preferred – Pink Papers:
 - Both parents registered with USA
 - Both Parents have valid breed survey one or more working titles missing among grandparents
 - Dog is tattooed
3. Advanced – Purple Papers:
 - Both parents registered with USA
 - Both parents have recognized working titles, show rating and have a recognized hip certification
 - All 4 grandparents must have recognized working title
 - Dog is tattooed
4. Basic – Blue Papers:
 - Both parents registered with USA
 - Both parents have recognized working titles, show rating and hip certification
 - One or more working titles missing among grandparents
5. Simple – White Papers:
 - Any dog with FCI recognized registration if proof of recognized working titles, show rating and hip certification cannot be provided for parents
 - Dog is tattooed.
 - No litters may be registered through the Simple Category.**

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