

# Royal Kennel Club General code of ethics

All breeders who register their puppies, and new owners who register ownership of their dogs with the Royal Kennel Club, accept the jurisdiction of the Royal Kennel Club and undertake to abide by its general code of ethics.

## Breeders/owners:

1. Will properly house, feed, water and exercise all dogs under their care and arrange for appropriate veterinary attention if and when required.
2. Will agree without reservation that any veterinary surgeon who performs an operation on any of their dogs which alters the natural conformation of the animal, or who carries out a caesarean section on a bitch, may report such operations to the Royal Kennel Club.
3. Will agree that no healthy puppy will be culled. Puppies which may not conform to the breed standard should be placed in suitable homes.
4. Will abide by all aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.
5. Will not create demand for, nor supply, puppies that have been docked illegally.
6. Will agree not to breed from a dog or bitch which could be in any way harmful to the dog or to the breed.
7. Will not allow any of their dogs to roam at large or to cause a nuisance to neighbours or those carrying out official duties.
8. Will ensure that their dogs wear properly tagged collars and will be kept leashed or under effective control when away from home.
9. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.
10. Will only sell dogs where there is a reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life and will help with the rehoming of a dog if the initial circumstances change.
11. Will supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership when placing dogs in a new home.
12. Will ensure that all relevant Royal Kennel Club documents are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring a dog, and will agree, in writing, to forward any relevant documents at the earliest opportunity, if not immediately available.
13. Will not sell any dog to commercial dog wholesalers, retail pet dealers or directly or indirectly allow dogs to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind. Will not sell by sale or auction Royal Kennel Club registration certificates as stand alone items (not accompanying a dog).
14. Will not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor falsely advertise dogs nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of a dog.

Breach of these provisions may result in expulsion from Club membership and/or disciplinary action by the Royal Kennel Club and/or reporting to the relevant authorities for legal action, as appropriate.



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Form 13

# Application for an Export Pedigree





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Thank you for applying for an export pedigree certificate.

The majority of overseas kennel clubs, with which the Royal Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement, require a Three Generation Export Pedigree and proof of registered ownership. By completing this application the Export Pedigree will be issued, however the Royal Kennel Club would like to offer you additional pedigree certificates available for you to keep.

An Export Pedigree is required by an overseas kennel club should you wish to register the dog in the country of residence.

## Five Generation Pedigree

You can also obtain a size A4 Five Generation Pedigree providing the Royal Kennel Club registration number, breed, colour, sex, date of birth, breeder, owner and information on five generations of your pedigree dog's ancestry.

### Five Generation Pedigree £16

## The Five Generation Enhanced Pedigree

The Five Generation Enhanced Pedigree is an A3 size certificate printed on high quality paper and includes an embossed seal and colour printing with champions printed in red text.

The information provided includes Royal Kennel Club registration number, breed, colour, sex, date of birth, breeder, owner and information on five generations of your pedigree dog's ancestry.

This is an excellent asset for showing how many of the dog's ancestors are champions.

### Five Generation Enhanced Pedigree £26

## Advice tips before filling out an Export Pedigree form

### Exporting dogs:

- a) To ensure the best quality of life for the animal in question, the Royal Kennel Club would suggest that breeders or owners consider the following points very carefully, before exporting a dog to an overseas destination.
- The final destination of the puppy/dog is known
  - The person receiving the animal is known to the exporter
  - The reason for purchase and the accommodation for the dog are acceptable to the exporter

- The country of final destination has sufficient and effective animal protection legislation and animal welfare standards
- b) Information regarding the regulations involved in exporting a dog may be obtained from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Defra, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.  
Tel: 020 7238 6951  
[defra.gov.uk](http://defra.gov.uk)

**If exporters are in any doubt they should not export**

### Bitches in whelp:

If the application is for a bitch in whelp, the overseas kennel club may request a Three Generation Pedigree for the dog used at stud in order for the litter to be registered. The owner of the stud dog will be able to request this directly from the Royal Kennel Club where a fee of £16.00 (subject to change) will be payable.

**If exporters are in any doubt they should not export bitches in whelp**



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## A guide to help you complete an Export Pedigree form

This form should be used to apply for an Export Pedigree certificate.  
It should be completed in **BLOCK CAPITALS** in black ink throughout and sent to the Royal Kennel Club.  
You may also apply online by visiting [royalkennelclub.com/kennelnames](http://royalkennelclub.com/kennelnames)

### 1 Dog details

Please complete all sections in order for the Export Pedigree form to be accepted.

Please ensure the microchip or tattoo number for this dog has been added to the Export Pedigree application form, if this is omitted it may result in the overseas kennel club refusing to register the dog. We would recommend contacting the relevant kennel club prior to submitting this application to understand any specific requirements. If any details are changed at a later date, a fee of £25.00 will be required to re-issue a duplicate Export Pedigree.

### 2 Breeder(s) name

The breeder is the person who bred the dog/bitch. Please complete all contact details here.

### 3 Applicant(s) name and address

\*If this application is being completed by the breeder(s) on behalf of the new owner(s), then all registered breeders of the dog must sign this section.

If this application is being completed by the owner(s), all registered owners of the dog must sign this section.

\*The above may be subject to change.

### 4 New owner(s) name and address

To be able to issue an Export Pedigree, the dog must be registered to the name(s) and address of the person(s) residing overseas. We cannot issue an Export Pedigree to a UK address.

The application to change the registered ownership of the dog must be either completed prior to submitting this application, or should accompany it.

In the case of joint ownership, all registered owners of the dog must sign the declaration.

### 5 Country of export

Enter the name of the country where the dog is being exported to. The majority of overseas kennel clubs, with which the Royal Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement, require a Three Generation Export Pedigree and proof of registered ownership. We recommend confirming the specific requirements with the relevant kennel club.

For dogs being re-registered with The Irish Kennel Club, The Kennel Club of Jersey or The Guernsey Kennel Club, you will not need to complete this application as the kennel club will accept a three generation pedigree and a registration certificate.

#### Canadian exports

In the case of two dogs of the same breed and sex exported in the same consignment to Canada, each dog must be tattooed before dispatch, with a mark supplied by the Canadian Kennel Club to the importer. This mark must also appear on the Export Pedigree. If such marks have been allocated by the Canadian Kennel Club in respect of these dogs, please give exact details for reproduction by the Royal Kennel Club on the pedigree.

### 6 Confirmation to whom the pedigree should be posted

Please tick to indicate whom the pedigree should be sent to. You may only select one option. If this section is not completed correctly the pedigree will automatically be sent to the new owner overseas.

### 7 Fees and additional items

There are additional services available with your Export Pedigree application. Please indicate here which items you require and remember to enclose the appropriate fee.

### 8 How to pay

Once you have completed this form, please send it together with the appropriate fee to the address at the bottom of the page.

#### Notes:

- i. The Royal Kennel Club reserves the right to reject any application to register a kennel name or transfer any dog or to change or cancel or suspend any registration and may cancel or suspend any registration or transfer or grant of a kennel name already made.
- ii. The data and health screening results connected to your dog will be published and used for registration and publication in relevant Royal Kennel Club documentation as well as included in the Health Test Results Finder and Mate Select calculations. The data may also be used for research (statistical purposes) and shared with trusted and reputable partners for the sole purpose of undertaking research to improve dog health and welfare.
- iii. The full Royal Kennel Club rules and regulations are contained in the Royal Kennel Club Year Book.
- iv. Check breed-specific information on any breeding restrictions at [royalkennelclub.com/breeds-a-to-z](http://royalkennelclub.com/breeds-a-to-z)
- v. To view details on the Royal Kennel Club's privacy policy please visit [royalkennelclub.com](http://royalkennelclub.com)

#### Check list

- Have you completed all sections required?
- Have you checked all parties have signed the declaration?
- Have you included the transfer of registered ownership? (if applicable)
- Have you ordered a five generation enhanced pedigree?
- Have you included your payment?

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