

# 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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**Royal  
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Form 8

# Application to change the registered name by the addition of a kennel name



Thank you for applying to register a change of name by the addition of a kennel name. We would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the online services available as well as provide you with the opportunity to purchase exclusive Royal Kennel Club pedigrees.

## Petlog

**Petlog is the UK's largest database for microchipped pets.**



Petlog is managed by the Royal Kennel Club and has been in operation for over 20 years, securely holding over 10 million pet keeper details. As your dog will already have been microchipped to enter the UK, it is important that you register their details with a government-compliant database. Petlog provides you with complete support to help you be reunited with your pet should the worst happen and they go missing in the UK.

**You will have the option to record your dog's microchip in this application.**  
To find out more about Petlog, please visit:

[petlog.org.uk](http://petlog.org.uk) or call +44 (0)1296 336579

## Affiliate Membership - £30

### Become a Royal Kennel Club Affiliate today!

Becoming an affiliate can be a rewarding and productive way of contributing to the Royal Kennel Club's overall aim to promote in every way the general improvement of dogs.

You will also receive some great benefits.

### As a Royal Kennel Club Affiliate you will receive:

- A monthly subscription to the Kennel Gazette worth £60
  - The Royal Kennel Club Year Book
  - Printed copy of the Royal Kennel Club annual report
- A loyalty card - receive exclusive discounts on Royal Kennel Club merchandise, publications and tickets for Crufts

**If you would like to become a Royal Kennel Club Affiliate please visit:**



[royalkennelclub.com/affiliates](http://royalkennelclub.com/affiliates)



## A guide to help you complete an application to change the registered name by the addition of a kennel name

The kennel name holder applying to change the registered name by the addition of a kennel name should complete this form. It should be completed and sent to the Royal Kennel Club. To complete your application online go to: [royalkennelclub.com/forms](http://royalkennelclub.com/forms)

### 1 Current registered name of dog

The Royal Kennel Club registered name should be written exactly as shown on the Royal Kennel Club registration certificate.

### 2 Registration number

The Royal Kennel Club registration number should be written exactly as shown on the Royal Kennel Club registration certificate.

### 3 Proposed registered name

This application is to be used to add your kennel name to the existing registration name. Alterations to the existing name must be requested via a Form 7 – Change of name of registered dog application.

The dog's name should be written here as it appears on your registration certificate, along with your kennel name and linking word (if applicable).

### 4 Dog details

The Royal Kennel Club breed and sex should be included, as well as, if relevant, the identification number.

### 5 Owner(s) name and address

This section should be completed by all registered owner(s) of the dog and the address provided should be the address where the dog is residing.

#### Declaration

In the case of joint ownership, all registered owners of the dog must sign this application form.

### 6 Fee

The addition of a kennel name application fee is £16.

### 7 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 registered ownership of the dog must be identical to the ownership of a kennel name.
- iii. The transfer of ownership must be registered by the Royal Kennel Club before the name of a registered dog can be changed by a new owner.
- iv. The new name must not be used until the change of name certificate has been issued.
- v. The name of a dog may only be changed once by the addition of a kennel name to the existing registered name. Where the owner is the breeder of such a dog, or where the owner bred both the sire and dam of the dog, the kennel name must appear as the first word in the name, otherwise it must appear as a suffix.
- vi. It is only permitted to use a valid preposition between the dogs name and the added kennel name. You do not have to use a link word but should you choose to, the following words may assist you:  
OF AT TO IN BY VIA FOR DEL VON VOM CUM MIT  
WITH OVER AVEC FROM AMONG UNDER BETWEEN
- vii. The name of a dog cannot be changed after 30 days have elapsed from the date of the first win which qualifies it for entry in the Royal Kennel Club Stud Book.
- viii. Details of any change of name will appear in the Breed Records Supplement.
- ix. Your original registration certificate should be returned upon submission of your application form. Once the name change has been approved a new certificate will be sent to you.
- x. To maintain your kennel name a maintenance fee is due annually. To pay annual maintenance payments by direct debit please contact us (see bottom of page). If you do not wish to pay by direct debit, you can pay annual maintenance online at [royalkennelclub.com/kennelnames](http://royalkennelclub.com/kennelnames)
- xi. 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.
- xii. The full Royal Kennel Club rules and regulations are contained in the Royal Kennel Club Year Book.
- xiii. Check breed-specific information on any breeding restrictions at [royalkennelclub.com/breeds-a-to-z](http://royalkennelclub.com/breeds-a-to-z)
- xiv. To view details on the Royal Kennel Club's privacy policy please visit [royalkennelclub.com](http://royalkennelclub.com)

#### Important

If you change your name or address, we require notification in writing. Failure to update your details may prevent correspondence relating to kennel name maintenance being delivered and cause the kennel name to become lapsed.

#### Check list

- Have you completed all sections required?
- Have you signed the declaration?
- Have you included the appropriate fee for this application?
- Have you returned your original registration certificate along with this application?

#### Contact us

-  01296 318540  
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Please refer to notes overleaf when completing the application.

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Before proceeding, please check, that the registered ownership of the dog is identical to the ownership of the kennel name.

Your privacy is very important to us. We hold and process your data safely and compliantly in accordance with our privacy notice, which can be found at [royalkennelclub.com/privacy-policy](http://royalkennelclub.com/privacy-policy)

1 CURRENT REGISTERED NAME OF DOG

2 REGISTRATION NUMBER (SHOULD NOT EXCEED 11 CHARACTERS)

3 NEW NAME DESIRED (PLEASE REFER TO NOTES PAGE FOR DETAILS)

4 DOG DETAILS	
BREED	SEX D <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/>
MICROCHIP NO. <small>(Please enter or affix barcode sticker)</small>	

5 OWNER(S) NAME & ADDRESS		
TITLE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
TITLE	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
ADDRESS		
POST CODE.		
MOBILE NO.		
EMAIL		

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY OWNER(S) I/We certify that the above particulars are true to the best of my/our knowledge and I/we acknowledge that in all canine matters I/we have consented to be bound by and submit to the Royal Kennel Club's rules and regulations as they may be amended from time to time.

OWNER(S) SIGNATURE(S) **X** DATE

We aim to deliver within 14 days, however, please note, failure to fully complete the application form and/or include the correct payment will result in delaying the registration process and the application form may have to be sent back to you.  
We require you to return the original registration certificate in order for you to receive an updated certificate.

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£ 16.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of name application fee (minimum payment)
£	<input type="checkbox"/> £26.00 Five Generation Enhanced Pedigree
Grand total	
£	

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7 HOW TO PAY	
A. By debit or credit card Please charge my <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Delta	
Card number	Expiry date of card
Issue number	Card security
(if printed on card)	The last 3 numbers on reverse of the card
If you require a VAT invoice please tick here. <input type="checkbox"/>	
SIGNATURE <b>X</b> <span style="float: right;">DATE <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></span>	
B. By cheque. I enclose a cheque made payable to 'The Royal Kennel Club Limited'	