

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 4

Application for the registration of an imported dog



Thank you for applying to register an imported dog. By registering your dog with the Royal Kennel Club, you will have access to a number of benefits. Please read carefully the relevant section notes contained within the Royal Kennel Club guide before filling in the form.

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.

To find out more about Petlog, please visit:

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

Competing with docked or cropped dogs in the UK

Docked dogs

The term 'docked' includes dogs which have their tails shortened for medical reasons after the relevant dates - these count as having been docked and therefore such dogs are not allowed to be shown at events where the public are admitted on payment of a fee.

Dogs which were docked before 6 April 2007 (28 March for shows held in Wales)

If your dog was docked either in the UK or in a foreign country before 6th April 2007 (28 March for shows in Wales) then it may compete at all Royal Kennel Club licensed events.

Dogs which were docked on or after 6 April 2007 (28 March for shows held in Wales)

If your dog was docked on or after 6 April 2007 (28 March for shows held in Wales and irrespective of

where it was docked) it will not, under the law, be permitted to be shown at any show in England or Wales where the public are admitted on payment of a fee.

However, if your dog was legally docked either in the UK or in another country on or after 28 March/6 April 2007, you will be permitted to compete with it at:

- all shows held in Scotland
- all shows held in Northern Ireland
- those shows held in England and Wales where the public do not pay to be admitted.

Shows where the public are admitted on payment of a fee

All shows which charge the public for admission must state this on the show schedule and entry

form - but you should check carefully whether or not your dog is eligible before entering.

Permission to show

The owner of any dog, from any country, which was docked on or after 6 April 2007 (28 March 2007 for shows in Wales) must apply to the Royal Kennel Club for permission to show before competing. Applications must be put in writing to

Royal Kennel Club,
10 Clarges Street,
London,
W1J 8AB, UK

Cropping

No dog with cropped ears is eligible to compete at any Royal Kennel Club licensed event.

Import applications from unlisted countries

The Royal Kennel Club is not currently accepting import applications from Russia and Belarus.

Information on imports from Ukraine, Serbia, China and other unlisted countries.

The Royal Kennel Club is urging dog breeders and owners to ensure they are aware of the current ban in place for the commercial imports of dogs from Belarus, Poland, Romania and Ukraine.

For further information on this please visit the web pages listed below:

Commercial travel rules

gov.uk/guidance/import-live-animals-and-germinal-products-to-great-britain-under-balai-rules#commercial-imports

Pet Travel Scheme gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain

Please be aware that if the dog entered the UK under the Pet Travel Scheme, we require the following documents:

- Travel documents/health certificate showing the date of entry to the UK
- Signed and dated declaration of non-commercial move
- Export pedigree issued by the country of origin

If the dog entered the UK under the Balai directive (commercial travel rules), we will require:

- A health certificate, showing microchip

number, rabies vaccination details and date of departure from country of origin

- Export pedigree issued by country of origin

For more information on the current commercial import ban, please visit the web page below:

gov.uk/guidance/imports-and-exports-of-animals-and-animal-products-topical-issues

All import applications must also be in compliance with the Royal Kennel Club registrations rules and regulations and DEFRA regulations, if import applications are not in compliance then the application will be refused.



A guide to help you complete the registration of an imported dog

The owner who wishes to register an imported dog should complete this form. It should be completed and sent to the Royal Kennel Club (see section 5). Alternatively, the quickest, most effective way to complete this registration is to do it online at royalkennelclub.com/import

1 Applicant and additional owners

All registered owners of the dog being imported should include their name on this application and all owners will be recorded and printed on any publications and documents relating to the dog. The applicant is the person who is applying for the registration either as the sole owner or in partnership with additional owners. The address stipulated on this application should be the address where the dog resides and as printed on the Export Pedigree issued by the overseas kennel club. As such, any documentation will be sent directly to this address.

In the case of joint ownership, you, as the applicant of this application will act as the point of contact in regard to matters pertaining to the Royal Kennel Club. However, any additional owners will also be able view the dog's information if they sign up for an online account. Please note, in the case of joint ownership, any other joint owners of the dog must include their title, first name/initials, surname and unique email address in the additional owner section. The declaration must be signed by all registered owners of the dog.

Declaration

The declaration must be signed by the owner(s) applying to import the dog/bitch in order for the application to be accepted.

2 Dog details

The registered name of the dog should be included in this section as it appears with the overseas kennel club. The name cannot be changed except by the addition of a kennel name, which can be incorporated at the time of registration free of charge. Please note that the ownership of the kennel name must exactly match the ownership of the person(s) importing the dog. 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, with, to, among, by, from, in, through, via, between, von, vom, del, for, under, over, cum, mit, avec.

Imported dogs will normally only be accepted for those breeds recognised by the Royal Kennel Club, but applications for importing other established foreign breeds will be considered.

Date of import to UK

Please fill out the date that the dog was imported. We may also require copies of the pet passport, rabies vaccination and shipping documentation prior to completing the application. Please note that the dog must be 15 weeks or older at the date of import to the UK.

If your dog is registered with the Irish Kennel Club (IKC), Guernsey Kennel Club (GKC) or Kennel Club of Jersey (KCJ), and is not residing in the UK, you can import your dog for competition by completing this form and selecting the option to register for competition. Alternatively, you may complete a Form 14 – Application for an authority to compete number.

Authority to compete (ATC)

Dogs previously recorded with an authority to compete number, which are now becoming resident in the UK, may be registered onto the Breed Register by completing this form. Photocopies of an Export Pedigree (if applicable) or a registration certificate must be enclosed.

The person importing the dog must be the registered owner with the overseas kennel club and the dog's address must be updated to the dog's residing address in the UK.

3 Breeder(s) name and address

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

4 Fee

The fee for registering an imported dog is a minimum of £33.

5 How to pay

Once you have completed this form, please send it together with the appropriate fee and all copies of relevant documentation 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 Royal Kennel Club will normally only accept registration for dogs from overseas countries where the Royal Kennel Club has a reciprocal agreement with the overseas kennel club which have full membership, associate membership or contract partnership of the FCI. Applications for the registration of a dog imported from other countries may be considered. The application must be made **before** the dog is imported.
 - iii. All imported dogs will have the letters "IMP" and a three letter country code to show its origin added to their Royal Kennel Club registered name.
 - iv. For registration purposes, the overseas champion title of the home country will be the only one recorded, along with any recognised Irish Kennel Club titles. Any other overseas titles will only be considered, space permitting, where a comparable title exists in the UK and where the overseas country test is considered to be of a similar standard to that existing in the UK. Such titles will only be added if the relevant sub-committee makes a recommendation of acceptance.
 - v. Prior to exhibition, permission must be sought from the Royal Kennel Club to exhibit any dog, from any country, which has had its tail docked on or after 6 April 2007 (28 March 2007 for shows in Wales). The term 'docked' includes dogs which have their tails shortened for medical reasons after the relevant dates.
 - vi. Bitches imported in whelp should be registered with the Royal Kennel Club if the bitch is remaining in the UK. Bitches imported should use this form accompanied by the relevant documentation - Three Generation Export Pedigree and Owner Registration Certificate (if applicable). The litter may then be registered on a Form 1 accompanied by a certified Three Generation Pedigree issued by the country of origin for the sire.

An application to register a litter will not be accepted when:

 - (1) The dam has normally already whelped four litters
 - (2) The dam has already reached the age of 8 years at the date of whelping
 - (3) The dam was under one year old at the time of mating
 - (4) The offspring are the result of any mating between father and daughter, mother and son or brother and sister, save in exceptional circumstances or for scientifically proven welfare reasons
 - (5) The dam has already had two litters delivered by caesarean section, save for scientifically proven welfare reasons and this only normally provided the application is made prior to the mating.
 - vii. If the bitch is returned to the country of origin without leaving quarantine after whelping, then it does not require to be registered with the Royal Kennel Club. The Litter Registration Form should be accompanied by certified Three Generation Pedigrees of both the dam and sire from the country of origin.
 - viii. A Royal Kennel Club registered dog, originally exported from the UK, should be re-registered when it returns to the UK. A Re-Importation of a Dog/Bitch form (Form 17) should be completed.
 - ix. 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.
 - x. The full Royal Kennel Club Rules and Regulations are contained in the Royal Kennel Club Year Book.
 - xi. Check breed-specific information on any breeding restrictions at royalkennelclub.com/breeds-a-to-z
 - xii. The Royal Kennel Club manages Petlog, who will be passed relevant data if you have chosen to record your dog's microchip as part of this application.
 - xiii. To view details on the Royal Kennel Club's privacy policy please visit royalkennelclub.com
- #### Quarantine
- i. Applications to register imported dogs may be submitted whilst the dog is still in quarantine, although registration itself will not take place until the dog has left quarantine.
 - ii. Dogs entering the country either under the existing Quarantine Regulations of the Traded Dogs Regulations (Balai Directive) or the Pets Passport Scheme, must do so strictly in accordance with DEFRA Regulations. The required documentation should be retained by the person importing the dog, and must be available if requested. Any application made which is contrary to these regulations may be reported to DEFRA.

Check list

- Have you completed all sections required?
- Have you included a copy of the Export Pedigree certificate and owner registration certificate (if applicable)?
- Have you checked all parties have signed the declaration?
- Have you included your payment?
- Have you ensured that you have enclosed copies and not original documentation?

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