

# **Dogs A.C.T.**

**A.C.T Canine Association inc.**

## **Dogs A.C.T Regulations – Part 12 - Kennel Prefixes.**

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### **12.1 General:**

- a) Each ANKC Member Body shall receive applications for registration of prefixes, from members residing in the State or Territory under their control, and shall forward them to the National Prefix Registrar for processing.
- b) The National Prefix Registrar shall deal only with the ANKC Member Body and shall not enter into discussion, or correspondence with any person without the express approval of the Member Body through which the application was lodged.
- c) The applications shall be submitted on the prescribed form, and shall include two (2) alternative selections of names in order of preference.

### **12.2 Prefix name:**

- a) A Prefix name shall:
  - 1. be limited to one (1) word consisting of not less than four (4) letters and not more than twelve (12) letters; **(03/10)**
  - 2. Not include numbers, whether in numerals or words;
  - 3. Not include apostrophes, hyphens, or punctuation marks of any kind; however no restrictions shall be placed on the use of the words “von” or “vom”.
  - 4. Not include names that are misleading as to sex, or relationship, or any word which may be considered offensive including Surname/First Name, Common Dog Name eg: Celtic – Phoenix.
  - 5. Not be identical to or similar in spelling, or phonetically, to a prefix name already registered, which could be deemed to cause misunderstanding, or confusion. Wherever possible, prefix registered with Canine Controlling Bodies overseas shall be protected.
  - 6. Not include the name of any breed of dog.
- b) Although a receipt is issued by Dogs A.C.T following payment of a fee for registration of a kennel prefix, the granting of the application is subject to:
  - 1. Current financial Dogs A.C.T membership of not less than 12 months or continual membership of 12 months if transferring membership from another state canine control.
  - 2. Successful completion of an open book exam.
  - 3. Approval being granted by the National Prefix Registrar.
  - 4. Approval being granted by Dogs A.C.T Council.

- c) No word that is in the nature of a prefix, or is a registered prefix, except the breeder's registered prefix, may be used in a dogs name.

#### **12.3 Prefix Renewal:**

- a) Kennel prefixes in the ACT are renewable annually with a fee determined by the Dogs A.C.T Council payable in advance.
- b) The prefix renewal will fall due with the Dogs A.C.T membership renewal.
- c) Prefixes must be linked to a continuous financial membership and any period on non-membership must be paid in full before a prefix is renewed following that period of unfinancial membership.
- d) A prefix which remains in the Register, and is shown as unfinancial for five (5) consecutive years, shall be transferred to an "inactive file" for a further period of five (5) years, after which time the prefix will be eligible to be reallocated as a prefix.
- e) The animal registration system requires that where progeny have been registered bearing the prefix in their name it is essential the prefix not be purged from the file.
- f) When approved, the prefix is linked to a full financial membership, Dogs A.C.T recognises all categories of membership as entitled to register a breeders' Prefix.

#### **12.4 Ownership/ responsibility:**

- a) A prefix name, once accepted and registered shall not be altered, or amended in any manner whatsoever. The name may be cancelled and a new name submitted, however, the new name shall be deemed to be a new application, and processed as such.
- b) Where a prefix is jointly owned by persons residing in more than one (1) State and/or Territory:
  - 1. The use of the prefix in each of the States and/or Territories in which the joint owners reside is permissible without transfer, providing the prefix name is registered, and maintained, in each State and/or Territory in which the prefix name is to be used.
  - 2. The registration procedures in each State or Territory in which the prefix is to be used shall apply for all registration purposes.
- c) As far as practicable the use of any kennel prefix registered with any other recognised kennel control body shall not be permitted for other than the person to whom such prefix has been granted.
- d) The use of the approved kennel prefix is permitted providing:
  - 1. It is used to name every dog and bitch bred by the owner of the prefix.
  - 2. A kennel prefix may be used for naming dogs of more than one breed, but no owner shall hold more than one prefix for any one breed of dog;
  - 3. It is not used in naming dogs not bred by the owner of the prefix.

#### **12.5 Transfer of Prefixes interstate:**

- a) Members who need to transfer their prefix interstate must obtain formal written release from Dogs ACT, which must accompany the application submitted to the ANKC Member Body that they wish to transfer their prefix to.
- b) In addition Dogs ACT will require the same formal written release, from the relevant ANKC Member Body, for any prefixes being transferred into NSW.

**12.6 Guidelines for the Conduct of the Lifetime Prefix Register:**

- a) The owner of any prefix that has been held continuously for a period of 15 years may apply to protect their prefix for a further 25 years providing that the prefix is not being actively used. After the expiry of the second 25 years the owner of the prefix may apply to renew the arrangement on similar terms.
- b) Where a protected prefix is required to be used again the period of protection shall be suspended and normal prefix fees shall be payable during the active period after which the remainder of the protected period comes back into effect. This provision to apply once only, subsequent active use of the prefix shall result in the remainder of the protected period being cancelled until renewed for a further twenty five (25) years.
- c) The Protection fee is \$250.00 plus GST. The fee shall not be altered by Member Bodies and shall only be amended by the ANKC.

**12.7 Protection of Overseas Prefixes:**

- a) Overseas Prefixes will be recorded by the ANKC under the following conditions:
  1. The Prefix is registered with a Body recognised by the ANKC.
  2. Application must be made direct to the ANKC on a form provided by the ANKC for that purpose.
  3. The fee basis will be as follows:
    - (i) Initial registration fee of \$250.00 will be paid to the ANKC.
    - (ii) Annual maintenance fee at Member Body rates which is acting as the National Prefix Registrar.
- b) The decision by the National Prefix Registrar to grant protection of an overseas prefix is determined by whether it is similar or identical to a financial registered prefix already on the National Prefix Register.

**12.8 Appeals:**

- a) Where an objection is raised to the registration of a prefix name, the objection must be in writing, and lodged with the ANKC Member Body in the state or Territory in which the objector resides.
  1. Where an objection is raised to a prefix registered with the ANKC Member Body in the State or Territory in which the objector resides - the objection shall be considered by that Member Body, and the decision of that Member Body shall be final.
  2. Where an objection is raised to a prefix registered with the ANKC Member Body in another State or Territory to that in which the objector resides – the objection shall be referred to the National Prefix Registrar who shall consider the objection and decide what action, if any, be taken.
  3. Where a Member Body is unwilling to accept the decision of the Registrar, the Member Body may lodge an appeal with the ANKC Administrator for consideration by Delegates at the next ANKC Conference. The decision of the ANKC Conference shall be final and binding on all parties.
- b) The applications may be submitted by mail, or fax to expedite delivery, and notification of acceptance or rejection shall be returned, wherever possible, within seven (7) days from the date of receipt.
- c) The National Prefix Registrar shall, wherever possible, ensure that the person in control of the Prefix Register is conversant with Prefix names, to ensure the integrity of the file is maintained.

**12.9 Residency requirement for Prefix and Registration. ((06/09))**

- a) In accordance with ANKC Regulation Part 6 section 6.4 **Registration of Litters (05/05)**
  - 6.4.1 Subject to 6.4.2, a litter must be registered in the State or Territory of residency of the owner irrespective of where the pups are born.
  - 6.4.2 Where a prefix is jointly owned, registered and maintained in more than one State or Territory, the litter must be registered in the State or Territory in which the pups are born.

- b) At the time of applying for a new prefix or transferring a prefix into the ACT, the applicant is to include a “Utility” bill (ie Water, electricity, phone etc) that confirms their place of residence as shown on the “new prefix” or “transfer of prefix” application. A post office box address will not be accepted as place of residence.
- c) At the time of registration of a litter against the prefix, where the only address for the applicant is a non residential address, the applicant is to include a “Utility” bill (ie Water, electricity, phone etc) that confirms their place of residence as shown on the application for litter registration.