



## Breed Recognition Procedures

1. The official request for breed recognition and supporting documentation must first be submitted to UKC to be considered for UKC breed recognition. Please refer to the Requirements for UKC Breed Recognition page.
2. The official request for breed recognition and supporting documentation must be presented in a neat, organized manner and follow the outline of the Requirements for UKC Breed Recognition.
3. Once the official request for breed recognition and supporting documentation are received, they will be reviewed by the United Kennel Club Breed Recognition Committee. Please note: This process may take from two to six months. The Breed Recognition Committee will determine if the request for breed recognition is:
  - a. Approved
  - b. Requires additional information
  - c. Denied
4. Regardless of the decision made by the Breed Recognition Committee, written notification will be sent to the breed club/individual/contact person informing them of the decision made by the Breed Recognition Committee.
5. If the breed recognition request is approved, the next step is to work on an official UKC Breed Standard.
  - a. UKC will consider the standard submitted with the initial request; however,
  - b. UKC reserves the right to make any changes deemed fit.
  - c. All photos and material submitted for use by UKC to create the UKC Breed Standard become the property of UKC, will not be returned and may be used for promotional purposes and/or in the breed standard.
  - d. UKC will then present the final standard to the breed club/individual/contact person.
    - i. If the standard is accepted by the breed club/individual/contact person, the standard becomes the official UKC Breed Standard; UKC reserves all rights.
    - ii. If the standard is amended by or rejected by the breed club/individual/contact person, UKC will review said changes. Any and all changes will be made/accepted at the discretion of the UKC Breed Standard Committee.
6. If the breed recognition request is approved, the breed club/individual/contact person will be expected to provide UKC with a database of dogs to register within a specified time frame. Dogs registered initially will receive a discounted registration rate of \$-10.00 per dog.
  - a. The database must include the following information for each dog:
    - complete registered name (maximum length: 30 characters)
    - birthdate
    - sex
    - color
    - variety, if applicable
    - registration/reference number, if there is one
    - three generation pedigree
    - registered owner's first and last name
    - registered owner's complete mailing address

- registered owner's phone number, if available
  - registered owner's email address, if available
  - May list up to three co-owners per dog and include the following for each co-owner:
    - First and last names
    - Complete mailing address
    - Phone number, if available
    - Email address, if available
- b. The database must be in birthdate order with the oldest dog being listed first. This will ensure that the dogs' pedigrees are as complete as possible. The database should be submitted in both electronic format and hard copy.
- i. Please contact UKC for details on submitting databases electronically.
7. Once the database is received by UKC it will be reviewed by the Registration Coordinator. A contact person should be indicated for questions regarding the data.
  8. If the data submitted are complete and ready for registration an official UKC Breed Recognition date will be determined.
  9. A News Release will be issued.
  10. The dogs submitted to UKC in the database will be UKC registered, and the UKC Registration Certificate, Three Generation Pedigree and Easy Entry Card will be mailed to the owners as indicated within the database. UKC is not responsible for undeliverable mail due to incomplete or inaccurate mailing addresses provided by the registrar/club/individual/contact person.
  11. Dogs not submitted with the initial database for registration must follow the normal single registration procedures and requirements set forth at the time of breed recognition. Please refer to [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com) for breed-specific single registration requirements and current fees.
  12. UKC reserves the right to change any and all rules, fees, etc. without notice.
  13. UKC reserves the right to refuse, correct or revoke any registration at any time.