

AKC: We're more than champion dogs. We're the dog's champion.

The American Kennel Club®
is the *only* dog registry in the
world with a significant kennel
inspection program.

INSPECTIONS

AKC® inspectors located across the country conduct thousands of inspections each year from dog kennels, to distributors and pet stores, ensuring the unparalleled integrity of the registry.

The care and conditions of the dog and kennel are of the utmost importance to the AKC. Field agents check the dogs appearance for obvious illness as well as having clean water, clean and proper shelter and access to fresh food.

Additionally, field agents verify the accuracy of the records and dog identification.

Chinese Shar-Pei, Diane Lewis for AKC



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Collecting a DNA Sample

Cocker Spaniel, Diane Vasey ©AKC

FIRST TIME INSPECTION PROGRAM

The AKC attempts to inspect breeders early in their careers, as such the First Time Inspection program was developed based on educating new breeders rather than punishing them for deficiencies they may not have known exist.

AKC First Time Inspectors (FTI) make an impact:

Field agents educate breeders offering insight into what has worked for thousands of other breeders.

Past FTI participants have doubled their in compliance success rate on subsequent inspections.

Assisting breeders early lifts them to high levels of professionalism and expertise.

IMPACT

The AKC generates inspection candidates based on AKC activity as well as supported complaints.

AKC inspections make an impact:

Field agents proactively help customers understand AKC's expectations and if applicable reach a new level of excellence.

Kennel owners whose conditions have major problems lose their ability to register dogs with the AKC unless they correct the problems.

AKC notifies appropriate law enforcement agencies if dogs are in danger.

AKC LISTENS: BREEDER INSPECTION PROTOCOL

AKC works with breeders to create and implement common-sense requirements that protect the dogs and the registry. Standard protocol includes a random selection from a list of breeders meeting certain levels of AKC involvement. In addition AKC inspects pet shops, distributors and responds to written complaints with supporting evidence. AKC uses DNA technology to verify the parentage of litters in many cases.

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In a recent survey of more than 1,300 breeders who underwent an AKC inspection, more than 97 percent of respondents said their overall experience with AKC inspectors was positive. More than 90 percent of respondents viewed AKC inspections, requirements and regulations as necessary to ensure proper breeding/record keeping practices.

“At first I was nervous (about being inspected by the AKC), since I was not certain what to expect...Before setting one foot on the ground, our inspector donned disposable, protective boots in order to keep diseases and germs from entering our kennels and house...I could tell that he cared as much about the health of our ‘kids’ as we did...We received compliments about our care...as well as suggestions.”

– German Shepherd Dog and Havanese breeder

“We set up the kennel ourselves...having an AKC inspector come in to give us suggestions of a better way to do things – we think it’s great. Sometimes you do things day after day after day. It’s always good to get somebody to say, ‘Hey, is this the best way?’”

– Longtime Redbone Coonhound breeder

The AKC offers a booklet that clearly explains the rules for anyone who owns one or more dogs that they breed, sell, transfer or give away. Access the rules, regulations and applicable forms on the AKC website. Or order a copy of the easy-to-use “A User’s Guide to the AKC Rules for Record Keeping and Identification” by contacting AKC Customer Service: orderdesk@akc.org, (919) 233-9767. Ask for part number PRWKBK.

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The not-for-profit AKC dedicates millions annually to ensuring the care and conditions of dogs raised by breeders registering with us. To find out more about AKC’s Compliance division, visit: <http://www.akc.org/iandi>



Dachshunds, Mary Bloom ©AKC

MISSION STATEMENT

The American Kennel Club® is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Founded in 1884, the AKC® and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.



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