



International Herding Dog Association

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Standard, Mini and Toy Australian Shepherd FAQ's

What is the fee to register a dog with IHDA?

\$ 25.00 Per dog

\$ 20.00 Per dog if 5 or more dogs are submitted and paid for at the same time.

Discount is contingent on payment being received within 7 days of invoice.

Fees are subject to change without notice. Check website for current fees

How will my Standard, Mini or Toy Australian Shepherd be registered with IHDA if they are also registered as a Miniature American Shepherd?

You as the owner will need to determine if they are going to register your dog as a Miniature American Shepherd or an Australian Shepherd/variety with IHDA. You will need to submit the appropriate registration certificate to designate what breed you are choosing.

Please make your choice wisely before submitting paperwork to IHDA as once you designate the breed, IHDA will not change the breed designation.

Litters will be registered as the breed the dam is registered as.

What are the eligibility requirements for Australian Shepherds and the Toy and Mini Varieties?

A dog must be currently registered as a Standard, Miniature or Toy Australian Shepherd with or have puppy papers that have been issued by one of the following registries:

- AKC-American Kennel Club
- APRI-American Pet Registry Inc
- ASCA-Australian Shepherd Club of America
- ASDR-American Stock Dog Registry
- CKC-Canadian Kennel Club (NOT Continental Kennel Club)
- IMASC-International Miniature Australian Shepherd Club
- MASCA-Miniature Australian Shepherd Club Of America
- MASCUSA-Miniature American Shepherd Club Of The USA
- NAMASCUSA-North American Miniature Australian Shepherd Club Of The USA
- NSDR-National Stock Dog Registry
- UKC-United Kennel Club
- Foreign registries that are approved by AKC

What documents do I need to submit for IHDA registration?

You must submit a copy of the current registration certificate or puppy paper that has been issued by one of the recognized registries listed above, along with the IHDA Registration Form. Please include copies of all of the registration certificates that you have for your dog.

You should also submit copies of official documents (registration certificate or certified pedigree) for dogs within the pedigree if you have them.

You must be the listed owner on the registration certificate. All co-owners will be listed on the registration that is issued.

Pedigree Verification Process

Verification of generations is done using copies of registration certificates and/or certified pedigrees issued by acceptable registries as listed above. In some instances, IHDA may already have these documents and therefore some of the dogs in a pedigree may already be verified. However, in many instances IHDA does not have any information on dogs within a pedigree especially if the dog is registered with another registry. IHDA does not have access to other registries' databases. Therefore, the only way verification can occur is to have an official document, as described above, to verify not only a dog's registered name and registration number but to also verify that dog's connection (parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent) to your dog.

Why would a dog in the pedigree show up with a different name

Each registry has their own rules and policies when it comes to registering dogs and whether they allow a dog's name to be changed. We have identified numerous dogs that have multiple names for various reasons:

- Within the same registry, i.e., NSDR renames a dog each time it gets a new owner. Example: Davis' Golly Miss Molly is sold and the new owners' last name is Jones – the dog is renamed Jones' Golly Miss Molly by NSDR.
- In a different registry. Example: Jones' Golly Miss Molly is sold with NSDR papers but the new owner registers her with ASDR and names her Oakdale's Golly Molly.

As you can see, this dog now has three names. We also have instances where dogs have more than three names. We have flagged those dogs that we could verify in our database so that we always use the same name for the dog regardless of how you submit the information. That way, the dog's name and registration number is consistent from pedigree to pedigree. This is very important to make sure that going forward the pedigrees have matching information for related dogs.

Will my IHDA registered dog be eligible for AKC registration?

IHDA registered dogs **are not** eligible for registration with AKC as Miniature American Shepherds as we are not an approved registry. If you are interested in AKC registration as a Miniature American Shepherd please visit [Stock Dog Registry Services](#) for the current requirements.