



International Sheep Dog Society

FULL GUIDE TO MEMBER SERVICES AND STUD BOOK RULES

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UPDATES TO RULES (2023)

3. Eligibility for Registration of Dogs – to take effect from 1st January 2024

Previous rule: 3.f. The mating must first be reported and then the puppy details be submitted in a registration form with payment before the pups are two years old.

Amended rule: 3.f. The mating must first be reported and then the puppy details be submitted in a **registration form with payment before the pups are one year old.**

7. Registration application for puppies – to take effect from 1st January 2024

Previous rule: 7.7. If the registration form is received more than 24 months after the projected whelping date, we regret that it cannot be accepted.

Amended rule: 7.7. If the registration form is received **more than 12 months after the projected whelping date**, we regret that it cannot be accepted.

1. NAME AND PURPOSE

The International Sheep Dog Society (the Society) is a Registered Charity (No. 209009) with a Constitution defined through the Directorate and Council, elected from the membership. The Chief Executive conducts daily business from the Society offices. The main object of the Society is “to promote and foster throughout England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, The Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and such other countries as many seem desirable or necessary the breeding training and improvement of the working sheep dog; this to secure the better management of stock by improving the shepherds’ dog”. Thus, the main activities relate to the registration of Border Collies and the management of a Stud Book, the organisation of National and International sheep dog trials, and the provision of member services.

The records of dogs are organised in the Society’s Stud Book with rules defined by a Stud Book Committee, appointed by Council. The Chief Executive acts as Keeper of The Stud Book.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership is invited from anyone who is in agreement with the Objectives of the Society.

2.1 Ordinary Members resident in the UK or Ireland have the following rights:

- a. To receive free admission to the Society’s National and International Trials (*with the exception of a World Trial*).
- b. To register dogs in the Society’s Stud Book.
- c. To receive free publications and other publications on payment of the appropriate sum.
- d. To take part in that members respective Annual Section Meeting, held at the time of the National Trial in each of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.
- e. To compete at the Society’s National Trials, subject to the rules.

There are two types of **Ordinary Member: Life and Annual**. There are five categories of Annual Membership: **Standard** (aged over 18 and under 65), **Junior** (18 or under), **Reduced Rate** (65 and over), **Family** (also priced according to age) and **Affiliated Society**. Family Membership (standard or reduced) is available to a second, or third person resident at the same address as the Head of the Household, who must either be a Life Member subscribing to the magazine or an Annual Standard Member or Reduced Rate Member. Up to two Family Members may be named and all people listed must be resident at the same address. Further details are available



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upon request. **Affiliated Society Membership is restricted to benefits 2.1.a and 2.1.c only** listed above, plus defined inclusion within ISDS trials insurance policy when applied for and approved.

- 2.2 Overseas membership is welcomed from residents of nations that do not have an ISDS Associated Society. Current Associate Nations (2023) are: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Faroe Islands, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland – please check our website for recent additions. Overseas members may join at the Annual Standard rate or as a Life Members and have the following rights:
 - a. To receive admission to the Society's National and International Trials.
 - b. To register dogs in the Society's Stud Book.
 - c. To receive free publications and other publications on payment of the appropriate sum.
- 2.3 For Ordinary and Overseas Annual Members, the membership year runs from 1st January and subscription fees for Annual Members must be paid within 30 days; Members who have not paid by 1st March will be sent a reminder and a further 30 days allowed before lapsing and a re-joining fee being liable. Current fees are available upon request.
- 2.4 If an approved overseas national club or society becomes an ISDS Associated Society, then its members become Associate Members of the ISDS. It's members are principally members of the national club, association or society and make all membership payments to that club. They then have the right to:
 - a. To register dogs in the Society's Stud Book.
 - b. Free admission to the National and International Trials.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION OF DOGS

In the following text the word "dog" signifies a male dog or female bitch and could be a young puppy or breeding adult. When gender is relevant the terms sire and dam are used.

- 3.1 Summary of the process for the Registration of puppies from a litter:
 - a. The owner(s) of the sire and dam must be, or become, member(s) of the Society (Ordinary, Overseas, or Associate). The registered owner of the sire must be a member at the time of submitting a mating card and the owner of the dam must be a member at the time of registration of the puppies.
 - b. The owner of the dam must be over the age of 16 years. Where the owner is under the age of 16 years, the pups will be registered for and on behalf of the owner, by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must be a member of the society.
 - c. The puppy parents, sire and dam, must be registered in the Society's Stud Book or other approved register. (The ABCA, CBCA, AWBCR and SASDA, are approved registers.) The owner of such a dog must present an original registry certificate with pedigree, photocopies are not acceptable, sires documents with the Mating Card and dams documents with the Registration Form. These will be returned to the owner(s). AWBCR registered dogs are located in an Appendix within the Stud Book with all their progeny for four generations.
 - d.
 - i. One parent tested DNA Normal for CEA may breed with a parent tested DNA Normal, Carrier or Affected for CEA, alternatively one parent tested DNA Normal for CEA may breed with a parent which has passed or failed an Ophthalmic (clinical) Test for CEA.
Where both parents are tested DNA Carrier for CEA their progeny must be litter screened before registration.
 - ii. Where both parents have passed an Ophthalmic (clinical) Test for CEA their progeny must be litter screened before registration.
 - iii. Where one parent is tested DNA Carrier for CEA and the other parent has passed an Ophthalmic (clinical) Test for CEA their progeny must be litter screened before registration.
 - iv. The progeny of a mating between DNA Affected for CEA and DNA Carrier for CEA will not be registered, nor will the progeny of a mating between two Ophthalmic (clinical) Test fail for CEA parents.
 - v. Registration will not be permitted for the progeny of a mating between DNA Affected for CEA and an Ophthalmic (clinical) Test for CEA, both parents must be DNA tested for CEA.
 - vi. Where both parents are DNA CEA tested Normal and proof of parentage is provided.
 - e. The Ophthalmic (clinical) eye test is recommended for all dogs (breeding or not breeding).
 - f. The mating must first be reported and then the puppy details be submitted in a registration form with payment before the pups are one year old.
 - g. All puppies must be microchipped before registration.



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The following documents are available by application to the Society to assist in recording information: Mating Card, Registration Form for Puppies and Transfer Form. Local language versions may be available through Associate Clubs. Such forms and original owner documents must be submitted to the Society by hand or post. Email copies will not be accepted. Associate clubs that operate a local registration office may apply additional health checks and local members must register dogs through that office.

4. EYE TESTING AND EFFECT ON REGISTRATION

Border Collies, along with other breeds, can suffer from hereditary defects including eye anomalies. The Society recommends eye testing according to an approved British Veterinary Association (BVA) Scheme, or ECVO or other approved veterinary certificate, in its effort to improve the breed's health. As a Collie Eye Anomaly (CEA) is congenital (present at birth) it may best be tested at 5 to 12 weeks, but the test can be conducted in dogs at any age. The Society's encouragement to members is to follow veterinary advice and not just rely upon a single examination for life. Ideally, have the pup examined when with the litter to check for CEA, have an examination made before the dog (sire or dam) is used for breeding (around the age of 2 years) and have a test when the dog is older (over 8 years) to look for late onset abnormalities. CEA test results may be obtained from any established and reputable laboratory. These tests may be carried out on either a blood sample or cheek swab. Please speak to your local veterinary clinic if necessary.

Note: A blood sample or cheek swab may be submitted for testing – along with evidence of the sample being taken by the veterinarian.

Please see the ISDS website www.isds.org.uk for more information on obtaining a CEA Test.

CEA TEST

4.1 For CEA results to be recorded by the ISDS for dog registration purposes, the following requirements must be met:

- a. Blood or Cheek swab samples must be taken and shipped by a staff member of a nationally registered veterinary clinic with the clinic stamp applied to the Laboratory's Sample Submission Form and forwarded to a reputable laboratory.
- b. The dog owner should be present to the clinic the ISDS Registration Certificate for inspection and verification and the clinic must also complete the ISDS Blood/Cheek Swab Sample Collection Form.
- c. The dog must have a microchip fitted and the clinic must verify and record that number as well as the ISDS Number.
- d. The Test result, the original completed ISDS Blood/Cheek Swab Sample Collection Form and the dog's ISDS Registration Card should be sent to the ISDS.
- e. The laboratory report must contain the dogs name, microchip number, dogs date of birth, ISDS registration number (if known), and the Owners full name and address. The ISDS Blood/Cheek Swab Sample Collection Form must contain a veterinary stamp/signature.

If the CEA test report and the original ISDS Sample Collection Form copy are missing, then the Society will not accept the result.

4.2 An inherited status for CEA will only be accepted where both parents have been DNA CEA tested Normal and proof of parentage is provided.

4.3 In the event of the death of a registered parent dog that has been neither DNA tested for CEA nor ophthalmically (clinically) examined the progeny may still be registered provided that the surviving parent is DNA tested CEA Normal. For any other status a litter screen test will be required and in the situation of the surviving parent being DNA CEA affected registration may not be progressed.

OPHTHALMIC (CLINICAL) EXAMINATION

4.4 Within the UK, BVA panellists or approved ECVO practitioners may be used and a list is available. Copies of certificates of eye testing will be sent to the Society by the BVA.

Overseas members will need to be careful to use ECVO practitioners within Europe and nationally registered veterinarian in other countries. Send originals or authorised copies of certificates to the Society and provide translation where necessary.

LITTER SCREEN TESTING

4.5 A litter screen test can be carried out for puppies under 12 weeks of age to check for congenital hereditary eye diseases. An examination is performed by a specialist in veterinary ophthalmology. The Puppy Registration folder should be taken to the examiner, the examiner should complete a Litter Screening Eye Examination Form, noting by each microchip number whether the puppy has passed or failed the test. The form should be forwarded to the ISDS Office along with the Puppy Registration folder.

PRA AFFECTED DIAGNOSIS



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- 4.6 A dog diagnosed at an ophthalmic examination as being affected by PRA may not have further progeny registered. The result has no effect upon that dogs' parents.

5. MATING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Mating's are advised to the Society by submission of a Mating Card and the fee within 42 days of the mating taking place. Cards received at the office after 42 days will result in late penalty fees being incurred in addition to the fee.
- 5.2 It is important that the Mating Card is sent to the office as soon as possible after the mating takes place. Submission is the responsibility of the owner of the stud dog and there is no discretion in the matter of penalty fees. In the event of late submission, the owner of the sire is deemed liable for any financial loss sustained by the owner of the dam.
- 5.3 Note that the registered owner of the sire must be a Society member when the card is received at the office and must be the person to sign the mating card to confirm that the mating has taken place. The tear off card portion can be completed and retained for the sire owners' records. The eye tests status will be checked, and the owner of the dam (breeder) advised of any necessary tests for the sire and dam.
- 5.4 The Society will then send a Registration Form for Puppies to the owner of the dam. The projected whelping date will have been calculated and noted as 63 days beyond the declared mating date.
- 5.5 To regulate the frequency of breeding, if a Mating Card is presented with a mating date within any two year period when the bitch has had two litters, the Society will register this third litter but require that the bitch is rested for one whole year following the birth of that litter. Thus, these Rules will not permit the registration of more than three litters to a bitch in any three year period.
- 5.6 No more than 6 litters in a lifetime, per bitch can be registered, unless a genuine reason in writing is submitted to the Stud Book Committee appealing for an additional litter to be registered. The Stud Book Committee will consider any application but reserve the right to visit the premises of the dam owner.
- 5.7 Owners are also advised to follow the Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act of 1999, whether they are registered breeders or not, so that bitches are not mated until they are at least one year old, limiting them to one litter per year and six litters in a lifetime.

6. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

- 6.1 Mating Cards must not be used to inform the Society where a bitch is artificially inseminated. Due to the complex issues relation to possession and ownership of semen, and the need for accuracy of identification, the notification must be made by an Agent who is authorised to do so by the Society. Misuse of a conventional Mating Card may result in cancellation of registration.

7. REGISTRATION APPLICATION FOR PUPPIES

BASIC INFORMATION

- 7.1 The registered owner of the bitch completes the Registration Form for Puppies when the litter is born. It contains instructions, spaces for information and blank sketches that will be shaded to indicate the markings of each puppy. Once the form has been submitted, no further pups may be added at a future date.
*If the bitch has changed owner between mating and giving birth there **must** be a valid Transfer Form submitted.*
- 7.2 Names must be two letters or more, and two syllables or less. Names do not need to be gender specific and must not be repeated in the same litter. Prefixes or Suffixes to the name may be added only if they have been registered with the Society; a Prefix/Suffix Application Form is available on the website and from the office. Names cannot be changed once registered but a consideration may be made for genuine errors if notified promptly.
- 7.3 The pups will be registered to the owner of the bitch unless names and addresses of the person(s) to whom the pups are to be registered are given. This is effectively a free transfer after birth.
- 7.4 Registrations must be in the name of an individual with a full address and may not be to multiple names, organisations, or companies.

FEES PAYABLE

- 7.5 Fees payable are described on the Registration Form but are subject to revision and will be those applicable at the date of submission.
- 7.6 If the Registration Form is received more than 6 months after the projected whelping date, additional penalties apply to the normal certificate fees.
- 7.7 If the Registration Form is received more than 12 months after the projected whelping date, we regret that it cannot be accepted.



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Note: Submission is the responsibility of the owner of the bitch and it is regretted that there is no discretion in the matter if penalty fees. It is the projected whelping date and not the actual date of birth that applies. Any pups not sold within 6 months can be registered to the owner of the bitch and subsequently transferred; this is cheaper than incurring late penalties.

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

- 7.8 The Society will supply a registration number and certificate for every puppy; these will be sent to the owner of the bitch or sent directly to the puppy owners if requested. Overseas postage will be charged at current Royal Mail rates.

REJECTION OF REGISTRATION

- 7.9 The Society reserves the right to refuse any application but will seek to explain why.
- 7.10 Documents must be signed by the named person, or the application will be considered fraudulent and rendered void. There are limited situations where a power of attorney may be granted with prior approval.
- 7.11 Where any applicant is found to have made a false statement, or fails to provide sufficient information upon request, the Stud Book Committee may delete the registration and, if warranted, have the registration of any dogs owned by the member cancelled. The Stud Book Committee may appoint any Director or suitable person to write to, telephone, or visit the home address or kennels of any member in order to verify information given.
- 7.12 To regulate the frequency of breeding, if a mating card is presented, with a mating date within any two year period when the bitch has had two litters, the Society will register this third litter but require the bitch is rested for one whole year following the birth of that litter. This, these rules will not permit the registration of more than three litters to a bitch in any three year period.
- 7.13 No more than 6 litters in a lifetime, per bitch, can be registered unless a genuine reason in writing is submitted to the Stud Book Committee appealing for an additional litter to be registered. The Stud Book Committee will consider any application but reserve the right to visit the premises of the dam owner.

8. REPLACEMENT AND UPDATED CERTIFICATES

- 8.1 If Certificates are lost, or an owner wishes for new information to be added, a replacement can be supplied only to the Registered Keeper at the current fee. A written letter/email requesting a duplicate certificate needs to be submitted to the ISDS office with the current fee.

9. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Note: Registration with the ISDS is not the same as legal title. Someone who keeps the dog and keeps the certificate may be regarded as the "Registered Keeper" and will be so described on the certificate. The Society may use the phrase "registered owner", out of respect but that does not infer anything in law. Legal title can only be determined on court of law.

- 9.1 The current Registered Keeper (Seller) may transfer his/her dog to any individual by submitting to the Society a completed Transfer Form with the Certificate and the fee or by completing a Transfer via MYISDS. The Society will update its records, endorse the back of the Registration Certificate, and return the certificate to the new keeper (buyer). Neither seller nor buyer has to be a member of the Society.
- 9.2 The buyer may not sign for the seller, any misinterpretation or forgery is a serious offence. If such activity is suspected the matter will be referred to the Stud Book Committee for potential referral to a Disciplinary Committee.

Best practice – If a purchaser of an ISDS registered dog receives the Registration Certificate directly from the seller they should always ensure that they also receive a completed and signed Transfer Form.

- 9.3 If someone has purchased a dog and holds the certificate, but is unable to contact the current registered owner, then they complete just the buyer portion of the Transfer Card and request a Transfer Enquiry. There is an additional fee due for this enquiry and the buyer must be a member. The Society will then seek to contact the current Registered Keeper and unless there is an overriding objection based on hard evidence the transfer will be enacted.

10. REGISTRATION ON MERIT

- 10.1 Puppies over one year of age will not be accepted for registration by the normal route. However, there is a scheme whereby the details of the dogs of good breeding and above average working merit can be submitted to the Stud Book Committee for Registration on Merit. A document is available with more detail on how to apply.



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11. USE OF A PREFIX OR SUFFIX

11.1 Members may apply for the sole use of their own choice of name prefix or suffix. The Society maintains a list of granted prefixes and suffixes for use on new puppy registrations and issues a certificate to the owner. The prefix or suffix may be used by that member only for their lifetime but may be transferred by legal will if deceased on payment of the current fee. An application form is available with more details upon request.

12. PEDIGREE CHARTS

12.1 Authentic Four Generation (p, g, gg, ggg) Society Pedigree Charts are available to any applicant on submission of the dogs' number, name, and current fee.