

## Working Cow Dog Registry Registration Rules

Across North America there is a need for dogs to handle different types of cattle in many conditions, climates and terrains. From the cattlemen in the south, southeast, mid-west, west, Pacific northwest and Canada, various lines of Working Cow Dogs have emerged. These dogs come from a variety of working stock dog breeds - Border Collie, Australian Working Collie, Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Working Kelpie, Catahoula, Black Mouth Cur, Australian Shepherd and more. The dogs registered with the Working Cow Dog Registry (WCDR) come from these various origins. Working Cow Dogs are medium to large in size, and will come in many different body types, coats and colors. No tail docking is preferred as tail docking affects a dog's ability to move correctly and with the speed necessary to get in and out as well as shortens their working years.

Working Cow Dogs save many man hours, reduce stress, weight loss, and are an invaluable tool to the cattleman. Whether ranch-broke or professionally trained, these dogs are an integral part of the cattle industry.

Mostly working cattlemen, the breeders of these dogs, in striving for their model of excellence, will have concentrated on certain lineages of a purebred, producing the same, or are producing specialized crosses. All of these dogs are bred with the intent of producing a strong dog with the conformation, herding instinct, work, grit, and bite to handle all classes of cattle.

### WCDR Purpose

A registry is a central clearing house and location of permanent records. Registrations kept by a third party allow for verification, corrections and integrity of pedigrees at one location.

The purpose of the WCDR is:

- To initiate, maintain, verify and preserve the pedigrees and registrations of these dogs, thereby assisting breeders and owners by maintaining accurate and concise registration and pedigree records of their dogs.

- To offer services to WCD breeders and owners in keeping with their needs pertaining to registration and pedigrees.
- To urge breeders and owners to maintain working stock dog integrity by preserving the natural working ability, conformation, temperament and overall good health.
- To document and preserve the history of these dogs with written and pictorial information.
- To provide up-to-date information, when possible, of the WCD to interested persons.
- To publish stud books and other pertinent information from time-to-time.

### Individual Dog Registration

*Registry reserves the right to refuse any dog/s for registration.*

#### **Name of Dog**

- Name must not exceed 24 spaces. This includes a kennel prefix. Select a 1st and 2nd choice name. No existing names will be changed or altered.
- A dog will be registered with the kennel prefix or last name of the breeder from which the dog was purchased. A buyer may not add their prefix after the breeder's prefix.
- If a breeder does not have a prefix, their last name will be used. No suffixes are allowed.
- No "of", apostrophes, underscores, hyphens, dashes or other punctuation can be used in name.
- Imports will be noted with an asterisk before their name which counts as a space. (Applications for imports must have copy of exportation papers or foreign registration certificate.)
- If you are registering a dog all ready registered with another registry, that registered name will be the name used. If dog has had a name change, if known, first registered or the original name will be used.
- If your dog is registered with more than one registry, the name used with this registry will be from the main registry for that breed or type of dog.
- Fee is \$10.00 per dog.

### **Photographs**

- Photographs are required with all individual registration applications. These photographs are used for archival (historical purposes) and may also be used for promotional information, i.e. used in publication advertising, posted on WCDR web sites or affiliate sites on the internet, etc. The majority of photographs published will list the registered name of a dog, the registered name of its sire and dam and list the breeder.
- Please submit as good a quality photographs as you have the ability. Three photographs - one standing side view, one front view and one rear. Color photos preferred.
- Photographs will become part of WCDR permanent file on dog and will not be returned. Photos may be used in WCDR printed materials, i.e. stud books, information brochure, updates, internet web pages, etc. Users are encouraged to send additional photographs (working or stills) for the previously mentioned printed materials.

### **Registration Certificate Photocopies**

- If a dog is registered with another registry or registries, attach a photocopy of registration certificate/s. If dog has not been previously registered and comes from registered stock, attach, if possible, photocopy of registration certificates of both the sire and dam. You may be asked for a notarized affidavit from the breeder.

### **Export Certificate**

- If dog is an import, attach a photocopy of export certificate to verify country of origin.

### **Pedigree Information**

- If a dog is not registered with WCDR, nor are the sire and dam, or they are unregistered stock, please include, if possible, a 6 generation pedigree (or more, if you have it). Print clearly and legibly all names of dogs. Include breed/s or crosses, if known, date of birth, if deceased, date of death and please note, coat color, any markings, coat type, ear set, eye color, breeder's name, address and phone number.

### **Litter Registration**

*Registry reserves the right to refuse any or all dogs of a litter/s for registration.*

#### **WCDR registered Sire and Dam**

- If both sire and dam are WCD registered, fee is \$8.00 for each puppy in litter under 6 months of age. After six months of age individual registration fees apply.
- Application must have signed and dated stud owner's verification of service.
- List name (same applies as under individual registrations), sex, color, markings, coat type, ear set, eye color and any tattoo/microchip of puppies.
- List owner's name and address as it is to appear on registration certificate and check box if to be mailed directly to owner.
- Important, but optional. Individual or group photographs of the puppies to use for archival or promotional purposes.

#### **Sire and/or Dam not WCDR registered**

- Dog or dogs registered with other registries are not recognized as "registered WCDR sire and dam." Fee is \$10.00 for each puppy in litter.
- List as complete information as possible, including 6 or more generation pedigree on sire and dam.
- Application must have signed and dated stud owner's verification of service.
- List name (same applies as under individual registrations), sex, color, markings, coat type, ear set, eye color and any tattoo/microchip of puppies.
- List owner's name and address as it is to appear on registration certificate and check box if to be mailed directly to owner.
- Important, but optional. Individual or group photographs of the puppies to use for archival or promotional purposes.

### **Replacement Certificate and Transfers**

- **Replacement Registration Certificates** will be issued only in the name of recorded owner upon receipt of a WCDR **signed and notarized affidavit** from that individual stating that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed. Fee \$7.00.
- **Transfers of Ownership** will be made only with Registration Certificate. Transfers made within 60 days of transfer date - \$7.00. Transfers made after 60 days of transfer date - \$10.00.

### **Kennel Prefix**

- Kennel prefix may be registered with WCDR insuring this prefix can only be used by you with this registry.
- Prefix shall consist of one word or words not exceeding fifteen (15) spaces.
- No “of” or apostrophes, hyphens, dashes, underscores or other punctuation may be used.
- No prefix shall be accepted if it is, similar to any other prefix, is misleading, or if for any other reason it is considered to be unsuitable or objectionable.
- No renewal fee, unless there has been no activity within a three year period.
- Fee \$15.00.

### **Tattoos and Microchips**

- A tattoo prefix 2-3 letters of applicant’s choosing may be registered.
  - No prefix shall be accepted for registration if it is similar to any other prefix, is misleading, or if, for any reason, it is considered by WCDR to be unsuitable or objectionable.
  - The letter "I" will not be permitted as a last initial.
  - Tattoo series or combinations which have been inactive for a period of three years or more may be reassigned, without notification, at the discretion of WCDR.
  - Fee \$1.00.
- Microchips can be recorded instead of, or in addition to a tattoo.

### **Important Notes**

- **REGISTRY HOURS.** Registry is home-based. Call at any reasonable time (CST). There is a telephone answering machine, please use it. Note that we work outside of the home.
- **POSTMARKS** will serve as official receipt dates.
- **FEES** payable to NAAKR, Inc. in U.S. funds only. Check or money orders accepted. Checks must have complete name and address information listed on them. Include daytime and evening phone number.
- **EXTENDED PEDIGREES - CERTIFIED.** If available, a certified extended three generation pedigree is \$10.00. Non-certified pedigree information is available upon request.
- **ALL CERTIFICATES** are issued with the right to correct or revoke.
- **TATTOO/MICROCHIP** is a means of positive and permanent identification of a dog. Tattoo/microchip numbers will be listed on dog’s registration certificate. Location is recorded in dog’s permanent record. If tattoo/microchip is registered with an organization, list name, address and phone number.
- **AUTHENTICITY** and accuracy is only as good as the genuineness of the person or persons supplying the information. WCDR will keep accurate records of all information received. If you have a question or conflicting information pertaining to any dog, contact WCDR immediately.
- **FRAUDULENT** practices. WCDR will revoke registration certification for individual dogs and/or refuse to register dogs bred and/or owned by individuals who have committed any infraction of the rules and regulations.
- **NO CHANGE** in, or alteration of, a certificate of registration, listing or identification shall be made except by WCDR upon proper showing of the necessity for such change or alteration, by reason of mistake or the like, or change in color or markings; nor shall any person display or advertise or have in his possession any such certificate that has been changed or altered otherwise than by WCDR.
- **ADVERTISING NAMES.** No person shall advertise any dog registered or listed with WCDR by a name other than that by which it is registered or listed.

- No person, firm or corporation shall issue, sell, exchange, give away or receive, or offer to do any thereof, any false or fraudulent certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by WCDR.
- No person shall represent as a registered WCDR dog, any dog other than the dog for which said certificate was issued.
- THE PRIVILEGE IS RESERVED TO EXCLUDE breeding of doubtful authenticity and to decline registrations of dogs emanating from any person or kennels known to have given false information regarding pedigrees of dogs.

### **Registry Procedures Regarding Invalid Certifications**

#### **Certificates may be rendered invalid for any of the following reasons:**

- RETURNED CHECKS OR OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT. Once an individual has had a check or payment returned to the Registry for insufficient funds or any other reason, only a money order or certified bank check will be accepted for future transactions. The Registry will no longer accept personal checks from said individual/s.
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certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by WCDR.

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- And for any other reason or reasons deemed to be a misrepresentation, unethical, or fraudulent.

### **Procedures of Revoked Registrations**

- DOG/S ARE DROPPED from the stud book rolls.
- A NOTICE OF INVALID CERTIFICATE IS SENT to the registered owners of the dogs.
- A NOTICE IS PUBLISHED on the Registry web site which states the reason why the certificate was revoked, the registered name, number, breeder and owner of the dog.
- NO OFFSPRING MAY BE REGISTERED from dogs with revoked or invalid certificates.
- FUTURE REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED from the breeder/s or owner/s unless reinstatement, if possible, has been made.

***All WCDR Rules, Regulations, and fees are subject to change without notice.***

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