

## How can you apply for a PAL number?

Applications for enrollment into the Purebred Alternative Listing can be [downloaded](#) or by emailing [PAL@akc.org](mailto:PAL@akc.org). When requesting a form via email please include your name and current mailing address. Remember, PAL numbers can only be issued to AKC registrable breeds.

The following must be submitted with a completed PAL application:

- Two recent and clear color photographs of the dog;
  - one full front view showing the facial characteristics of the dog;
  - one view showing the full side profile of the dog standing on a flat surface (not grass).

(ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT EYE LEVEL IN A STANDING POSITION, INCLUDE THE WHOLE DOG IN THE PHOTO. DO NOT SHOOT DOWN ON THE DOG.)

- A non-refundable \$35.00 application fee. **(IF SUBMITTED AS A 4-H CLUB OR FROM OHIO STATE FAIR, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY A FEE.)**
- Name choices are limited to (30) characters. Spaces between words, apostrophes, and hyphens are counted.
- All Letters in a dog's name are limited to the standard English alphabet. Diacritical markings (accent grave, accent acute, umlaut, etc) are not printed on the PAL certificate in the dog's name.
- Roman numerals must not be included as the end of the dog's name. The AKC reserves the right to assign roman numerals for identification purposes.
- Words and phrases that may not be included in a dog's name:
  - Champion, champ, sieger or any other AKC title or show term, either spelled out or abbreviated
  - Obscenities and words derogatory to any race, creed or nationality or transliterations of such words
  - Kennel(s), male, stud, sire, bitch, dam and female
  - There are no restrictions on arabic (1, 2, 3), cardinal (one, two, three) and ordinal (first, second, third) numbers that are spelled out.

Once compiled, the completed PAL application along with the items listed above should be mailed to:

The American Kennel Club/PAL  
PO Box 900059  
Raleigh, NC 27675-9059

Enrollment in the Purebred Alternative Listing program is not to be construed as an alternative form of registration, but rather, as a listing so that dogs who are ineligible for AKC registration may participate in AKC Companion and Performance Events. A PAL may be cancelled for cause.

For more information or questions about the PAL program contact [PAL@akc.org](mailto:PAL@akc.org).