

Canine Registries

There are many registries, organizations & 'networks' popping up all over the internet! A good rule of thumb when trying to evaluate the validity & integrity of any organization is to examine their purpose (i.e., mission/goals) and to also investigate their standards and practices, making sure that you VERIFY the information they present. Below are some "alternative" registries, with whom many can register a dog regardless of its parentage as long as the fee is paid. Many *register* mixed breeds & require no proof of parentage, and are promoters of the commercial breeder and puppy reseller (broker to pet stores). Even stolen AKC registered dogs can unknowingly be registered by these other "registries". Once registered with these "alternative" registries, the breeder producing puppies out of this stolen dog, can begin producing puppies with "papers" ~ perhaps enhanced with copies of the dog's legitimate pedigree or listed under another's name.

Please take note that some of the registries listed below have similar or the very same initials as the older and well established registries. This can cause confusion for puppy buyers. Don't be misled!

Alternative Registries To Be Aware Of...

ACA ~ "American Canine Association" Advertises that over 3000 adult breeding canines are registered each week. Only registry endorsed by Petland. Caters to commercial breeders. Refers puppy seekers to pet stores.

AFDSB ~ "American Field Dog Stud Book" Besides registry service, they have a lot of advertising of products and certain kennels. **AFDSB** registers sporting breeds that are NOT recognized by the AKC. *The Field Dog Stud Book "registers all breeds of dogs...records registered names, breeding background, colors, ages, sex...documents ownership...duplicates lost registration certificates...and enrolls litters. Please give us a call or E-mail us and we'll send you easy-to-fill-out registration application forms today".* [quote [source](#)]

APR ~ "American Purebred Registry" Will register unknown pedigree dogs/cats, does not sponsor any shows, no proof of purebred required.

APRI ~ "America's Pet Registry ~ Inc." also acquired **AKR** ~ Academic Kennel Records Advertises free registration for commercial breeders. Non Profit "dedicated to the preservation of the professional pet industry", dogs and cats. Founded by retailers of pets (commercial breeders and resellers). You have no recourse as a buyer of a puppy bought thru them if the seller does not want you to know their contact information such as phone number, etc.

ARU - "Animal Registry Unlimited" Guarantees they will register your pets of unknown pedigree, encourages cross breeding. Special prices for bulk.

CKC ~ "Continental Kennel Club" (**DO NOT confuse with the true CKC ~ the Canadian Kennel Club!**) "Continental Kennel Club" will recognize a cross between any two purebred dogs, and will issue a registration certificate on their offspring. These crosses are not registered as purebred dogs but are registered as the offspring of purebred dogs. *"CONTINENTAL KENNEL CLUB accepts registration applications and issues certificates based on the honor and integrity of the owner/breeder applicants, and CKC accepts no responsibility for any inaccurate, false, or fraudulent information submitted on registration applications".* "Continental Kennel Club" sponsors no conformation shows or championships that have a dog competing against others (their website claims that the dog receives a "evaluation"). "Continental Kennel Club" also gives big fee discounts to large kennels registering lots of dogs (such as "commercial breeding farms" ~ also known as "Puppy Mills"). Will register dogs not registered with other recognized registries. *"If other kennel club papers are not available, the dog owner must provide two witnesses who can verify the accuracy and truthfulness of the information listed on the application".* [quote [source](#)]

CRCS ~ "Canine Registration and Certification Services" Caters to commercial breeders. ~CRCS has apparently removed/lost their website presence. [Two cached pages](#) from Google search engine.

DRA ~ "Dog Registry of America" Formerly named "U.S. Kennel Club" No DNA certification, registers unregistered/unknown/mixed pedigree dogs, brags about added value for sellers and confidentiality. *"Tired of registration & documentation hassles? Starting your own blood line? Lost or never had papers? Developing new breeds? Breed not recognized? DRA™ Registers all purebred dogs."* [quote [source](#)]

FIC ~ "Federation of International Canines" Special [bulk discount](#) for volume breeders. If a purebred dog does not have any registration, they will register application for the dog, on a person's signature ~ *"I (we) do hereby certify that I (we) am (are) the true owner(s) of the dog described on this application and that all information on this application is true and correct, to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief."* [quote [source](#)]

IABCA ~ "International All Breed Canine Association of America" (associated with "UCI") IABCA: *"Domestic canines of unknown ancestry that are used in the development of a breed shall be permitted for registration purposes within the Foundation Registry only. Non-domestic canines, pure species or non-domestic x non-domestic hybrids are considered non-domestic and are to be registered in IPDBA's affiliate for non-domestic canines, the International Progressive Exotic Breeders' Alliance (IPEBA), Canine Division."* [International Progressive Dog Breeders' Alliance \(IPDBA\) Article V- General Registration](#).

A ***International Champion*** title on a pedigree - is **NOT** an **AKC CHAMPION** title! Take note how easily these "International Champion" titles are "awarded" by IABCA, with NO competition against other dogs!. The "International Champion" titles you might sometimes see being advertised by some breeders, were obtained by that dog never having traveled outside of the United States, nor even out of state in most cases! Many owners of dogs that could not hope to win a *champion* title in a registry such as AKC, will still seek to have their dog appear to have a *champion* title of some sort.

NAPDR ~ "North American Purebred Dog Registry" A Dog that does not have registration papers or proof of pedigree may be registered with **NAPDR**. *"A Purebred dog that does not have registration papers may be registered with the NAPDR. If you are 100% sure of the dog's breed fill out the information you know and write UNKNOWN on the other places. If you are not 100% sure please send a side view picture with the APPLICATION."* [quote [source](#)]

NKC - "National Kennel Club" Seems to register unknown pedigree dogs with [*inspection*](#). NKC will register dogs that meet the 7/8 purity requirement. They hold "NKC Sanctioned Events".

PCI ~ Purebred Canine International Registry Service If a purebred dog does not have any registration, they will register the dog after a person sends three (3) close-up color photos (front and each side view) with a completed PCI registration application, which may or may not be registered with any other kennel club or those that have no previous history of their Sire or Dam. Update: It looks like "PCI" cannot be found on the internet, now. Hmmm.

SLR ~ "Silver Labrador Registry" A group of so-called "silver" or "silver-factored" Labrador Retriever breeders created their own registry "*the only one of its kind-EVER!*" What these breeders are calling a "silver" or "gray" Lab, is **NOT** a color recognized by respected canine Registries! "Silver" breeders may only register AKC Labrador Retrievers having this "silver" color, as a dilute "chocolate" if they wish to register with the American Kennel Club! Some "silver" Labrador Retriever breeders are now advertising their dogs as "titled", or even "multi-titled". However, these "titles" are **NOT** in AKC or **Canadian Kennel Club** conformation competition! Instead that "title" is for "CD" ("Companion Dog") ~ which is merely a beginning obedience title! **NOT** a CH title !!! Sometimes, one might even find a "silver" lab being touted as an "*international CH*" / "*multinational CH*" (see above: IABCA) You will **NOT** find a "silver" (registered as a dilute chocolate) Labrador Retriever titled as a AKC "**CHAMPION**", or Canadian Kennel Club "**CHAMPION**".

UABR ~ "United All Breed Registry" Advertises free registration of adults when you register a litter. Caters to the commercial breeders. Started "Gold Label Pets" for commercial operations, and promotes retailers.

UCI ~ "Universal Kennel Club International" (associated with "IABCA") Caters to the commercial dog industry and promises "*Complete Privacy Protection*" for all breeders. Does not have a Code Of Ethics and brags about that. Does not currently impose any fines or penalties upon its members for violations of its policies, rules, regulations, guidelines, programs, restrictions and systems. Registers "mixed" breeds for breeding purposes. Will register unknown pedigree. UCI does not post their "*Foundation Stock Registration Application*" for dogs never registered/ lost registration online for you to view. If you wish to see what requirements for registry (if any) that is needed to register any dog with them ~ e-mail them and ask them for this application if you wish to view it for yourself.

WKC ~ "World Kennel Club" Registers ALL dogs that are *pure-bred*, which may or may not be registered with any other kennel club or those that have no previous history of their Sire or Dam.

WWKC ~ "World Wide Kennel Club" Will register dogs that are registered with *any other* kennel club.

USDA ~ "United States Department of Agriculture" Registered puppies come from "commercial breeding farms" ~ commonly referred to as large scale "*Puppy Mills*". These "commercial breeding farms" sell to stores and brokers, and this is commonly where pet store owners get their puppies from.