



## Frequently Asked Questions CLUBS & TRIAL SECRETARIES

### EVENT RELATED QUESTIONS

**1. What events are eligible to accept mixed-breed entries?**

Mixed-breed entries may be accepted at all-breed sanctioned/licensed/member AKC Agility, Obedience and AKC Rally® Events. It is optional for clubs to accept mixed-breed entries.

**2. When can clubs start offering mixed-breed classes?**

Mixed-breeds will be eligible for competition at events accepting mixed-breed entries held on or after April 1, 2010.

**3. What is the number format for mixed-breed listings?**

The mixed-breed number starts with "M" and will follow the same format as all AKC breeds. We will begin the listing with "MA#####" and continue on to "MZ#####". For example, the first number issued will be MA00000001. The prefix letters are part of the listing number and will be required when completing AKC entries or paperwork.

**4. Will there be a designated space on the entry forms for mixed-breed entrants to list their mixed-breed numbers?**

No. Going forward all AKC entry forms will include a space to enter an AKC number, whether that is an AKC Registration number, AKC PAL number or an AKC Canine Partners number (listing number for the mixed-breed program). The entry form will not require a special designation, but will require the full number (including prefix letters) as listed on the dog's registration or listing certificate.

**5. What breed shall mixed-breeds be classified as?**

The updated AKC official entry forms will direct exhibitors to list dogs enrolled into AKC Canine Partners (the mixed-breed listing program) as "mixed-breed." Exhibitors should not list their breed as a particular cross or hybrid.

**6. How shall mixed-breeds be listed in catalogs?**

Mixed-breeds shall be included in the same catalog as purebreds. Instead of listing the dog as a specific breed, it will be listed as an "All American" dog.

**7. What types of titles will mixed-breeds be able to earn?**

Mixed-breed dogs will earn the same titles as purebreds. For a full list of titles, please e-mail AKC at [akccaninepartners@akc.org](mailto:akccaninepartners@akc.org).

**8. Are mixed-breeds able to enter specialty events?**

Mixed-breed entries can only be accepted at events designated as All-Breed. Specialty events cannot be restricted to a single or select group of breeds and mixed-breeds only. Events accepting mixed-breed entries must allow for all breeds.

**9. Can a club set limits for mixed-breeds entries at a show?**

No, clubs may not set separate entry requirements for mixed-breeds and purebreds.

**10. Can a club open and close entries for purebreds and mixed-breeds at different times?**

No, entries for purebreds and mixed-breeds must be accepted during the same period of time.

**11. Will mixed-breed entrants be required to have special armband numbers?**

No, mixed breeds will not require the use of special armband numbers. The numbering system shall work the same as it does now.

**12. Does accepting entries for mixed-breeds affect an exhibitor's chances of getting into existing events?**

Many events currently do not fill to capacity. In addition, many clubs have the resources to add capacity to their existing events. If the capacity of an event is reached, there will be entries that can not be accepted. If clubs choose to accept entries from mixed-breeds, entries must be taken according to existing regulations.

**13. Will FSS dogs still be eligible for AKC competition?**

Yes. There will be no changes to the existing FSS program. Since January 2008 Foundation Stock Breeds are eligible to compete and earn AKC titles in all venues of AKC Companion Events: Agility, Obedience, Tracking and Rally. A list of eligible breeds can be found at:

[http://www.akc.org/reg/fss\\_companion\\_events.cfm](http://www.akc.org/reg/fss_companion_events.cfm). Starting January 1, 2010, AKC will allow all FSS breeds to be eligible to compete in Companion Events that have a dog(s) enrolled with a three-generation pedigree and a breed standard.

## **LISTING QUESTIONS**

**1. When will exhibitors be able to list their dog with AKC Canine Partners?**

AKC is currently accepting listings for the AKC Canine Partners program. You may enroll your dog online or download a paper form at [www.akccaninepartners.org](http://www.akccaninepartners.org).

**2. What dogs are eligible to participate in AKC Canine Partners?**

The AKC Canine Partners program is for mixed-breed dogs and dogs not eligible for AKC registration.

**3. Will AKC be registering hybrid dogs through AKC Canine Partners?**

Mixed-breeds will not be "registered." Only purebred dogs that originate from an AKC-registered sire and AKC-registered dam of the same breed may be registered.

AKC Canine Partners allows owners of mixed-breed dogs, including hybrids, to list their dogs. The listing comes with several privileges, including the ability to participate in AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally Events that accept mixed-breed entries. Unlike registered dogs, AKC will **not** record parentage or any other lineage for mixed-breed dogs.

All dogs listed through this program will be designated as an "All American" dog. There will be no separate or special classification for hybrid/designer breeds. All dogs will have the same "All American" designation.

**4. Will the AKC Canine Partners program replace the AKC PAL (ILP) program?**

AKC Canine Partners will **NOT** take the place of the AKC Purebred Alternative Listing, PAL, previously known as ILP. The AKC PAL program is for a dog believed to be purebred, from an AKC recognized breed, but cannot be registered with the AKC. PAL dogs may participate in some breed specific performance events in addition to AKC Agility, Obedience and AKC Rally®.

**5. What if an exhibitor owns a dog that is recognized as a "purebred" by organizations other than the AKC but is not recognized as a purebred by the AKC? Can they participate in AKC Canine Partners?**

Yes. They would be eligible to enroll in AKC Canine Partners. However, their dog would be required to be spayed or neutered and would be designated as an All American dog.

**6. If an exhibitor decides to list a dog in AKC Canine Partners and their breed later becomes an AKC FSS breed, will they be able to then compete in AKC events as an FSS breed?**

If an exhibitor competes with their dog as a mixed-breed at AKC events and later wishes to enroll the dog in the AKC FSS program, they will be able to switch designations. This enables the dog to compete in Performance Events in addition to Companion Events. However, they will not be able to compete in Conformation once the breed is eligible because the dog would have had to have been spayed or neutered prior to competing as a mixed-breed.

If an exhibitor decides to move from the AKC Canine Partners program to the FSS program, their placements, awards and titles will follow to the FSS designation.

**7. Will mixed-breeds be eligible to compete in Performance Events?**

No, mixed-breeds will only be eligible to compete in AKC Rally<sup>®</sup>, Agility and Obedience events that accept mixed-breed entries.