

Framework of Breeding Regulations

Breeding Regulations for Pedigree Dogs and Entry Conditions for the Breeding Book of IHR e.V.

1. General Information

The breeding and entry regulations of the IHR e.V. are binding for all its members, as well as for members of affiliated associations. They serve as a guideline for all special member associations, which have the right to create particular breeding regulations, suitable for their dog's race. This however, must be recognised by the IHR e.V. These breeding regulations may not be formulated more lenient, but in the interest of the respective pedigree dog breed, drafted more strictly. All newly established breeding regulations from special member associations, are to be submitted to the executive committee of the IHR e.V. for approval. In case no specific breeding regulations exist, the framework of the IHR e.V. comes into effect.

The executive committee of the IHR e.V., the main breeder, and the breed warden are responsible for the compliance with the framework of the breeding regulations. These breeding regulations are meant to provide a basis for improving the standard. The goal for each breeder is to produce better offspring from good parent animals. In order to achieve this, special breeding selection plus suitable hereditary material are of particular importance, and therefore to be considered.

The highest principle is to be: Improvement of breeds, but not: Increase of pedigree dogs. Likewise the basics of the German Animal Protection Act must be strictly adhered to. Amongst other things this includes, that breeders who own more than three breed able dogs, or who have more than three litters per year, requests the so called § 11 b (Animal Protection Act) note from their respective veterinary office. A copy of the same has to be immediately send to the office of the breeding book IHR e.V.

2. Breeding Conditions

- a) First time breeders should get in contact with their respective breeding warden (to be inquired in the association office), and be comprehensively advised before the intended mating. Dog keeping and feeding must be species-appropriate. Very good kennel maintenance for breeding dogs and puppies must be a given. Freewheeling and human affection are the basic prerequisites for this.
- b) Before the mating of any in-breeding and incest breeding, the written approval of the IHR breeding committee must be obtained, as such mating must be justified. The approval is to be submitted to the office for the breeding book together with the litter entry. If an approval was given, the main breeding ward, or one of his representatives, and/or the veterinary surgeon, is to supervise the litter and its development. If the litter was monitored by a veterinary surgeon, the corresponding protocol has to be submitted with the registration of the litter.
- c) It is only allowed to breed with healthy and character-stable dogs, which are recognised and recorded by the IHR e.V.'s breeding book or register. In addition, both parent animals must have received a written breeding authorisation before mating. This breeding authorisation has to be in line with the IHR e.V. Any exhibition evaluation (judge report) will **not** be recognized as breeding evaluation. Breeding animals must be free of any diseases and parasite infestation, and have to be in a very good general condition.

2.1 Small Breeds (up to 45 cm withers height)

The minimum breeding age for the sire shall not fall below 12 months.

The minimum breeding age for the dam shall not fall below 15 months. If the second heat begins within 12 months, it is to be waited until the next heat.

Only dogs with Patella Luxationen (PL) level 0 to 1 are accepted for breeding purposes, whereas dogs with a PL level of 1 are only to be bred with a dog of PL level 0. Any PL starting from level 2 is considered a breeding excluding fault. An investigation on PL is **requested** with all small breeds.

Change to the breeding regulations for **brachycephalic breeds with a undershot**: level/scissor bite permitted for breeding. **Valid with immediate effect**

2.2 Large Breeds (over 45 cm withers height)

Large breeds (from 45 cm to 70 cm height at the withers)

The minimum breeding age and the age for X-rays for males is 15 months; for females 18 months.

Identity must be verified beyond doubt by a veterinarian (microchip check).

Only dogs with HD-free (0, A) and suspected HD (almost normal, 1, B) findings may be used for breeding.

Dogs with mild HD (C), moderate HD (D), and severe HD (E) may not be used for breeding!

The following matings are permitted: HD A x HD A ; HD A x HD B ; HD B x HD B

NEW – Elbow dysplasia (ED)

Only dogs with ED grade 0, transition, and grade 1 may be used for breeding.

Grade 1 may only be mated with grade 0.

Large breeds (from 70 cm withers height)

The minimum breeding age and the age for X-rays for males and females is 18 months.

Identity must be verified beyond doubt by a veterinarian (microchip check).

Only dogs with HD-free (0, A) and suspected HD (almost normal, 1, B) findings may be used for breeding.

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NEW - Recommendation for all dogs used for breeding

Creation of a DNA profile (genetic fingerprint), eye examination according to DOK/ECVO (if the breed is affected), testing for genetic diseases relevant to the respective breed (e.g. via Laboklin, Feragen, MyDogDNA, etc.)

Breeding requirements for the Silken Windsprite breed

- Patellar luxation (PL) Only dogs with grades 0 and 1 are approved for breeding, whereby dogs with PL grade 1 must be mated with a breeding partner with PL grade 0
- Lubosacral transitional vertebrae (LÜW) Type 0 and Type I are permitted for breeding. Type II and Type III after consultation.
- The minimum age for examinations is 12 months
- The minimum breeding age for males is 15 months; for females 18 months

Generally applicable:

- a) The breeding age for sires is not limited, but should however be appropriate for the general condition of the dog.
- b) Dams may deliver their last litter with 8 years.
- c) If a dog delivers twice in a row, it must remain empty in the following heat.
- d) A dog may not raise up any more puppies, than its condition permits (if necessary raising with wet nurses etc.).
- e) In principle, a dam may not be bred in two or more associations/clubs.
- f) All breeders are obliged to report each litter within 24 hours to the office for breeding book.
- g) The breeding permission can be later withdrawn from any verifiable bad sires, which are passing on bad genetic material.

3. Kennel Name etc.

- a) When a breeder registers their first litter, he must then at the latest request a kennel name within the office for breeding book IHR e.V.
- b) The kennel name will and can only be protected by IHR e.V.
- c) If a breeder has several breeds, the kennel name is valid for all races bred by him.
- d) The names of the puppies of a litter have the same initials. For breeding with several breeding animals and races, the alphabet should continue within the kennel. The breeder is free to choose a letter for each litter.
- e) With change of ownership of a pregnant dog, the breeder can not register these puppies on his kennel name any longer.

4. Cover Fees

The cover fees are to be paid immediately to the owner of the sire after the mating. They should be specified at the discretion of both owners. With no pregnancy in place, (not however in case of miscarriage), and regarding to old sports- and breeding rules, the breeder is entitled to another mating act for the same dog.

5. Litter Approval

- a) Cross-breed litters will not be registered to the Office of Breeding Book.
- b) Any defects found by the breed-warden (or veterinary surgeon), must be noted on the litter registration form.
- c) The breeding-ward is entitled to an unsolicited visit to a litter within the first 8 weeks after birth (up to the final inspection).
- d) All breeders may sell only healthy, regularly worm controlled, and inoculated puppies.
- e) All legal regulations (e.g. no cropping of tails) must be corresponded to.
- f) Puppies of small breeds should not be given away before the age of 10 weeks, of large races not before the age of 8 weeks.
- g) The litters must be announced completely to the Office of Breeding Book IHR e.V.
- h) No puppies may be given away before the litter approval; otherwise the breeder will not receive any papers for their entire litter.
- i) **The breeder is forbidden to knowingly sell puppies to dog resellers and/or experimental purposes.**
- j) All protective inoculations, as well as the implantation of the transponder chip may only be accomplished by a veterinary surgeon.
- k) During litter approval, the breeding-warden has to receive insight into the inoculation passports and all other litter documents.
- l) All costs of the litter approval etc., have to be refunded to the Office of Breeding Book. These, and all additional fees are regulated by the contribution and financial order IHR e.V.
- m) With the litter approval, all puppies of one litter must get a transponder chip implanted by a veterinary surgeon. Tattooing of the puppies is no more permitted according to the German Animal Protection Act.
- n) During the litter approval the dam must be presented.

o) Following documents are required for the litter approval:

- Litter registration form
- Mating form
- Pedigree of the dam in original
- Pedigree of the sire in copy
- Breeding certificate of both parent animals
- Examination and evaluation forms of both parent animals in copy
- Show titles and champion titles in copies, if available

p) The stickers with the transponder chip numbers have to be made available to the Office of Breeding Book, once in original (on the litter registration form provided for the purpose), and handwritten on each litter registration form.

q) With his personal signature, each breeder legally binding signs all given information on the litter registration form and mating form. Further, all litter registration forms and mating forms must be completely filled out and clearly readable. For any faults caused by inarticulate writing, the breeder is responsible.

r) Should the puppies be older than 6 months at the time of registration (date of postage), a fee of €50 for the entire litter is applicable. A dog older than 6 months is not considered a puppy anymore.

s) **NEW - Processing litter notifications and completing pedigree certificates can take up to 6 weeks during busy periods. This does NOT include shipping time.**

6. Miscellaneous

Offenses against the framework breeding regulations, like false information on mating- or litter registration forms, incomplete information of puppy numbers, dubious sales methods or similar misdemeanours will be punished as follows:

- a) by written caution or
- b) by temporary breeding barring (approx. 1 - 2 years) or
- c) by permanent breeding barring or
- d) by exclusion of the breeder from IHR e.V. and its member associations
- e) The IHR e.V. is entitled to visit and view kennel-plants at any given time, e.g. by one of its breeding-wards.

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