



AGILITY DOG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA LTD

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MEMBER 'PACK NAME' POLICY

Introduction:

The Agility Dog Association of Australia Ltd (ADAA) wishes to allow Members to develop a recognised identity for the family of dogs they own. The Pack Name is a fun suffix unique to ADAA and each Member and can be appended to a dog's name so that all dogs belonging to a Member are immediately recognisable.

The use of this fun and unique Pack Name as a suffix to the dog's pet name is not to be confused with the use of a Breed name. Breed names should be kept for the relevant governing body responsible for breeding.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidelines for Members of how they can apply for a Pack Name to be used as a suffix to identify their family of dogs, past and present.

Policy Statement:

This Policy covers the specific requirements for applying for and maintaining a Pack Name as a Member's registered suffix.

Definitions:

Dog – a Dog registered on ADAA's International Programme Register (IPR) or Regular Programme Register (RPR).

Member – a Member of ADAA and includes all Membership units.

Pack Name – a name nominated by a Member and approved by the Board of Directors to be used as a suffix by dogs owned and nominated by that Member.

New Member – one or more people who have jointly submitted an application for membership and none of whom has previously been a Member of ADAA.

Responsibilities:

Board of Directors – responsible for implementing and managing this Policy, including approving Pack Names for use and deciding on relevant fees from time to time.

Procedure:

1. PACK NAMES

- 1.1 ADAA will charge a once off fee to process an application for registration of a Pack Name received from a financial Member. Renewal of the Pack Name registration will not be required so long as the Member to which the Pack Name has been issued remains a financial Member of ADAA. If membership lapses, the Member will need to pay the applicable fee to reinstate the Pack Name.
- 1.2 A separate (per dog) fee will be payable for each application to append a Pack Name to each nominated dog. New members, who apply for a Pack Name at time of submitting an application to join ADAA, may nominate one dog for appending of Pack Name at no charge.

- 1.3 Dog Names will be restricted to 30 characters for the first name and 20 characters for the Pack Name (suffix). The terms ‘of the’ ‘of’ ‘from’ ‘from the’ ‘at’ ‘in’ ‘in the’ or nothing will be allowable to join the dog name and Pack Name but will be considered part of the 20 character limit. Non alpha-numeric special characters and symbols, such as ‘@’, ‘!’, ‘#’ etc, will not be accepted. The use of the word “Pack” may be used in the Pack Name but will also be considered part of the 20 character limit.
- 1.4 Pack Names will be used on running orders and clear round and qualifying certificates as well as title certificates.
- 1.5 Pack Names can be posthumously applied to deceased dogs for the same registration fee as a living dog.
- 1.6 When applying for a Pack Name, Members will have the option of submitting three choices in priority order. If three names have been submitted and all are rejected, the Member may submit three more Pack Names for consideration and there will be no fee payable. If less than three Pack Names are submitted and the name(s) is rejected, a new application, including the relevant fee will need to be lodged. In this case the Member will need to submit a new application, with relevant payment.
- 1.7 Once a Pack Name is registered and accepted, the name will not be able to be used by any other current or future ADAA Member.
- 1.8 ADAA reserves the right to reject Pack Names for any reason.
- 1.9 ADAA will consider written objections to Pack Names on the basis of registered trademarks, objectionable language or similarity to an existing/registered Pack Name. An objection to a Pack Name, accompanied by the relevant fee (if applicable), may be lodged at any time.
- 1.10 Any requests for change to an existing Pack Name by the registered owner of that Pack Name will be treated as a new registration and a registration fee will apply. There is no guarantee that a request to change an existing Pack Name will be approved.
- 1.11 Pack Names can be transferred from one Member to another upon payment of the applicable fee and written agreement from all parties involved. If the original owner of the Pack Name is no longer living, available or is incapable of providing written/signed approval to transfer a Pack Name, then such transfer will not normally be approved. ADAA will consider exceptions on a case by case basis.
- 1.12 Members may have existing title certificates reprinted with the Pack Name included for the normal certificate re-printing fee in force at the time of request.
- 1.13 A list of registered Pack Names will be available on the ADAA website.
- 1.14 A Pack Name will automatically be removed if a Dog is transferred to another owner and no longer (whether solely or jointly) owned by the holder of the associated Pack Name.

Stakeholders to be consulted prior to policy change:

Board of Directors

Related documents:

Application for Pack Name FOR- MEM- 016

Application to Append Pack Name FOR- MEM- 017

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