

## **Kennel Name**

1. Application for an affix should be made on the affix application form. If the affix is to be jointly owned by more than one person, all applicants must sign the form.
2. A selection of four names should be given in order of preference. No. names previously granted and still in use will be accepted.
3. The affix must only consist of ONE English word not exceeding twelve letters. It must not be hyphenated.
4. Application should be sent to the Hong Kong Kennel Club with the required registration fee.
5. The fee for registration of an affix will be set by the HKKC General Committee. Renewal Fee is payable on the 1st January every year irrespective of when they are to be used that year.
6. In the event that the Renewal Fee is not paid before 31st March, the affix will be suspended and may only be incorporated when payment in arrears is made. The affix is not protected during the period of suspension and may be used by other applicants when naming dogs.
7. When an affix has been suspended for a year it will be lapsed and may then be available for naming individual dogs or will also be available to other applicants as an affix. It cannot be used by the original grantee except on reinstatement which is treated as a new application.
8. The names selected will be considered by the Hong Kong Kennel Club General Committee at the earliest possible meeting. After approval the applicant will receive a formal document confirmation.
9. Upon approval of the affix, the applicant must pay the Application Fee, no pedigrees will be issued with the affix until this fee is paid.
10. Where the grantee of an affix wishes to utilize it when registering the name of a dog (other than German Shepherd Dog), it must be used as a prefix in other words, as the first word of the name of a dog, when the dog (a) was bred by the grantee & (b) was bred from parents both of them were bred by the grantee. Otherwise, it must be used as a suffix, the last word of the name.
11. The Hong Kong Kennel Club undertakes to exercise reasonable care to ensure that the affix is not infringed with any breed recognized for registration at the Hong Kong Kennel Club during the period for which the affix is protected, within the terms of the affix regulations. The Hong Kong Kennel Club will undertake to negotiate to change the name of a dog which offends an affix, if an objection to the name is received.

12. The Hong Kong Kennel Club will not change an affix or the registered name of a dog which offends an approved affix under the following circumstances :
  - (A) Where a dog's name has been registered before the approval of an affix by the Hong Kong Kennel Club.
  - (B) Where a dog is already registered with another recognized Kennel Club.
13. On the death of a holder of an affix, the Hong Kong Kennel Club may extend the protection for a further period to an authorized person subject to payment of a Renewal Fee. An authorized person means a child or member of the immediate family of a grantee, or a surviving partner in a joint interest.
14. It should be noted that an affix can only be used to name a dog which is in exactly the same ownership as that of the affix. In other words, if the affix is jointly owned by two partners, it cannot be used to name dogs which are registered in the name of one particular partner or the other. Similarly an affix which is granted to an individual cannot be used in respect of a dog which is jointly owned by another person.
15. An affix can be incorporated in a dog's name as a puppy a (prefix) when registered by the breeder or by the breeder or new owner when using an application to register a single dog. A dog which has already been registered may have an affix a (suffix) added to its name. It should be noted that although a dog's name may incorporate two affixes, (a prefix/a suffix), one incorporated by the breeder at registration and one added subsequently by a new owner, only one change of name (adding a prefix/a suffix) is permissible.