

Guidelines for Naming Dogs

1. Name must consist of more than one word but not more than 25 letters including an affix (if any).
2. A name already used to register a dog may not be used again within the same breed unless in conjunction with an affix making the name unique.
3. A name which conflicts with an approved or current affix granted to another person will not be accepted.
4. The surname of the applicant could not be used as part of a name.
5. The name should not begin with a single lettered word.
6. Name of countries, counties, cities, towns, villages, and other geographical areas are acceptable provided that the name of a dog does not include the name of the breed (eg "German" or "Germany" for a German Shepherd Dog, "Yorkie" or "Yorkshire" for a Yorkshire Terrier, etc).
7. Numbers in figures are not acceptable. Numbers in words are acceptable except when used with an existing name to indicate a sequence (eg. Richard the Second).
8. Common words (taken from a dictionary) may be repeated in naming individual dogs in the litter if the name is not already in use within the breed. Proper names (eg. Place names) may not be used in this way unless granted to the applicant as an affix.
9. Canine terms are not permissible (eg. Dog, Bitch, Champion, Kennel, Breed Names or abbreviated Breed Names such as Doby).
10. Names which incorporate a word from the dog's pedigree (dam or sire) may be accepted (except affixes belonging to others) provided such names do not create confusion.
11. The HKKC reserves the right to refuse any name which is regarded as inappropriate or offensive.