

## APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF AFFIX (KENNEL NAME) GUIDELINES

### WHAT IS AN AFFIX?

“Affix” is a registered Kennel Name which may be used as a Prefix to the dog’s Registered Name by a breeder, or as a Suffix by a subsequent owner, which gives the Grantee(s) the sole and exclusive right to use the Affix as part of a dog’s Registered Name when registering a litter, or when taking transfer of ownership of a registered dog.

The Grantee(s) of a registered Affix may only utilise it as a Prefix, i.e. the first word of the Registered Name of any dog bred by the Grantee(s), otherwise it may only be used as a Suffix, i.e. the last word of the dog’s Registered Name.

1. No dog’s Registered Name, including an Affix, shall exceed fifty-five (55) characters, which may include a one-word registered Affix as a Prefix comprising fifteen (15) characters (no accents, apostrophes, hyphens, etc., permitted); a Registered Name (inclusive of spaces, apostrophes, hyphens or other punctuation marks) limited to twenty-five (25) characters; and a registered Affix added as a Suffix. The addition of an Affix as a Prefix or Suffix to a dog’s Registered Name is optional.
2. No Affix may be added to a dog’s Registered Name unless the Affix is KUSA-registered and current. Acceptance of an Affix for registration by KUSA is at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee, which may grant the right to use an Affix after having established that there is no same or similar Affix registered or on the FCI International Kennel Name Register.
3. Grantee(s) may not dispose, cede, assign, bequeath or sell a KUSA-registered Affix without the consent of the Executive Committee.
4. To add an Affix as a Prefix to puppies’ Registered Names upon registration of a litter, the Dam must be in the registered ownership of the registered Grantee(s) of the Affix.
5. The Affix may not consist of more than one word and may not be hyphenated, have accents or include apostrophes. However, the prepositions “Van”, “Von”, “Vom”, “De” and “Du” may precede the Affix, with or without a space between the preposition and the Affix. The Affix, whether preceded by a preposition, or not, shall not exceed fifteen (15) characters, including any spaces between the preposition and Affix.
6. An Affix should preferably be a unique name that is created and should not be too similar to another Affix already registered with KUSA, or a Kennel Name registered on the FCI International Kennel Name Register. Every Affix will initially be provisionally accepted and published on the KUSA website for thirty (30) days, during which period objections to the acceptance of the proposed Affix may be lodged. Objections will be considered by the Executive Committee, which may sustain the objection and reject the Affix, or grant the application, with or without amendment, whereupon the Affix may be registered, giving the Grantee(s) the right to use the Affix.
7. The names of countries, provinces, towns, places or titles, letters of the alphabet, numerals, adjectives or nouns indicative of the name of a dog or indicative of a colour definition specific to a breed of dog, will not be granted for use as an Affix. The Affix applied may also not be a person’s Name (e.g. Gisela), a common name for a dog (e.g. Fido, King, etc.), include a surname, a name of a patented product, a registered Company or Close Corporation, a registered or common law trademark or brand, be subject to copyright-protection, be indicative of the quality of the applicant’s dogs (e.g. Champion, Supreme), or include anything indicative of any breed or its temperament. The word “kennel(s)” may not be included as part of an Affix. This applies regardless of language.
8. An Affix may only be utilised as a Prefix, i.e. the first word of the Registered Name of any dog bred by the Grantee(s), or as a Suffix, i.e. the last word of the dog’s Registered Name, after acquiring a dog bred by someone else in a transfer of ownership, provided that the dog’s Registered Name does not already have an Affix added as a Suffix.
9. Once the Registered Name of a dog comprises a Prefix (maximum 15 characters), a Common Name (maximum 25 characters), and a Suffix (maximum 15 characters), i.e. 55 characters in total, no further changes will be permitted.
10. An Affix may only be added as a Prefix to the puppies’ Registered Names by the breeder(s) at the time of registration of the litter. Should the breeder(s) fail to request the addition of the Affix upon registration of the litter, it would not be possible to add it after registration.
11. Where an Affix is granted jointly to two (2) or more people, it may be used by those persons acting in concert (in any combination) or singly. In the case where the Dam is in joint ownership and the co-owners are each the registered owner of a separate/different Affix, the joint owners of the Dam must give written consent as to which of the Affixes should be added as the Prefix to the Registered Names of the offspring.

12. An Affix may be added as a Suffix to a dog's registered name upon transfer of ownership, either at the time of registration of the litter (simultaneous transfer of ownership), or when taking transfer of a dog already registered by the breeder(s). If a dog's Registered Name already includes an Affix as a Suffix, no further changes or additions will be permitted. Once added to a dog's Registered Name, an Affix, whether added as a Prefix or Suffix, may not be removed.
13. If the applicant is a minor (a person under eighteen (18) years of age), the Affix must be registered in the name of a Legal Guardian, who will assume responsibility for the signing of all documents and applications on behalf of the minor. Such application, must be accompanied by a letter from the Legal Guardian, declaring the status of the minor.
14. If an Affix is registered for the use of the registration of dogs owned by a Company, Statutory Body, Government Department, etc., a Nominee must be appointed to act on behalf of the organisation. The appointed Nominee will be required to become a member of KUSA in order to transact on behalf of the organisation.
15. Every Affix provisionally accepted will be published on [www.kusa.co.za](http://www.kusa.co.za) and any objections thereto must be lodged with the KUSA Secretary within thirty (30) days of publication. During the thirty (30) day period, an Affix granted may be used "provisionally". However, should any objections to the use of such a "provisionally approved Affix" be received, and the objection be sustained by the Executive Committee, KUSA reserves the right to withdraw and cancel all Certificates of Registration issued which contain the Affix as a Prefix or Suffix to the dogs Registered Names. In such a case the Certificates of Registration will be re-issued upon the registration of an alternate Affix.
16. A Kennel Name on the FCI International Kennel Name Register may not be added to a dog's Registered Name if the breed of the dog is not recognised by the FCI on a definitive basis.