

Members' Advert webpage disclaimer

The Kennel Union offers members the opportunity to post small, classified adverts – either Text only, or Text accompanied by a Photographic Image or Logo - on the KUSA website under MEMBERS' ADVERTS.

The acceptance and placement of such adverts by the Kennel Union should not be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of the breed, or the quality of the dogs, of a particular member, nor should it be regarded as an attestation to the reputation of the member.

The Kennel Union cannot guarantee that purebred dogs registered with the Kennel Union, or their progeny, are free from any inheritable or congenital defects, or guarantee any standard of show or working performance. Members are encouraged to do appropriate health tests and screening prior to breeding and the responsibility to obtain as much information as possible about the health status of the parents of the litter is solely that of the purchaser.

The Kennel Union serves as a registry for purebred dogs and is a voluntary association of its members. The Kennel Union *does not register breeders* and has no legislative powers to adjudicate between parties in disputes over the purchase and sale of puppies. The Kennel Union strongly advocates that any transaction involving the sale and purchase of a dog be governed by the terms and conditions of a written purchase and sale agreement entered into between the parties.

The Public are urged to exercise caution and implored not to inadvertently support “puppy farmers” or “puppy mills”. Insist on visiting the premises where the puppies are raised and never agree to the collection of a puppy from a “neutral” location.

NOTE: Responsible breeders only breed when they are certain that they will be able to find good homes for all their puppies and it may therefore be necessary for purchasers to have their names placed on a waiting list and, if required, to secure the purchase of a puppy by way of a deposit. Beware of persons who have puppies available all year round and who offer discounts. Under no circumstances should puppies be bought over the Internet. Purchasers who do so, run a very high risk of being scammed.

Beware of breeders who offer puppies registered with alternate “registries”. The Kennel Union is the only Registering Authority registered with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD) for the vast majority of purebred dogs and the only registry in South Africa recognised by the Kennel Clubs of America, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and the countries of Europe, Asia and South America.

The Kennel Union will only register litters on its Breed Register if both parents are KUSA-registered. Only Kennel Union-registered dogs are sanctioned to compete at KUSA-licensed dog shows and events. The progeny of dogs registered with other “registries” are not eligible for registration on the Kennel Union’s Primary Breed Register.