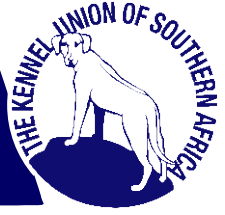


# KUSA



## Who is the Kennel Union of Southern Africa

The Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) was founded in 1891 as the South African Kennel Club, and is one of the oldest and most respected kennel clubs in the world. KUSA is the official dog registry in southern Africa and registers purebred and non-purebred dogs on its various registries. Furthermore, it licenses dog shows and all forms of dogsport across the country.

## Recognition

### National registration and recognition

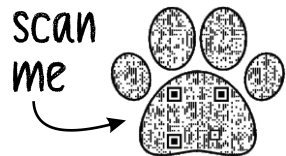
KUSA is registered with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) as a Canine Breeders' Society, and as the Registering Authority for 218 canine breeds.

### International registration and recognition

KUSA is a full member of the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI) – the International Federation of National Canine Organisations, commonly known as Kennel Clubs.

- KUSA passes the FCI's international standards on to its Clubs and Members.
- Access to the latest research on the health and welfare of dogs is passed on to Clubs and Members.
- KUSA can use the FCI logo on its Award Certificates, Certificates of Registration and Export Pedigrees. These are the only pedigrees recognised and accepted by other international canine organisations/kennel clubs.

Bilateral agreements with organisations such as the American Kennel Club, The Royal Kennel Club (Great Britain) and the Canadian Kennel Club ensure the seamless exchange of dogs between countries.





## **Breed / Conformation showing**

Dog showing or exhibiting is an exciting competitive activity where dogs compete at Breed (Conformation) shows for prizes or awards. It is a competition where a dog's attributes and conformation are compared against a breed standard for its breed.

### **Handler classes**

Handler classes are offered by age – Child (8-under 12 yrs), Junior (11-under 18 yrs) and Adult (over 18 yrs). Here handlers are judged on their ability to showcase their dog to its best. The dogs are not judged on their breed characteristics.

### **KUSA's Dogsport**

KUSA offers a wide range of Dogsport activities catering to very diverse interests, these include Agility, Dog Jumping, Obedience, Rally Dog, Dog Dancing, Carting, IGP, Tracking Trials and Working Trials (Classic). Dogs of any ancestry may participate.

### **Companion Events**

This includes Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog. Trick Dog takes place via submissions and is currently KUSA's only cybersport. Dogs of any ancestry may participate provided they are microchipped.

## **Benefits of joining KUSA**

- Voting rights to ensure the proper and responsible governance of canine affairs in South Africa.
- Assurance that Clubs are run correctly.
- Entry into licenced and regulated dog shows and special events (approximately 650 per year), including the KUSA National awards.
- Receive KUSA Communications on relevant matters such as the Events Calendar
- Internationally recognised awards, including making dogs International Champions.
- Internationally recognised Export Certificates and Health Certificates.
- Ability to compete internationally.
- Members benefits through partnerships with valuable partners.
- Knowledge that you are contributing to the responsible ownership and breeding of dogs, where testing for genetic conditions is encouraged.
- World-class and highly trained Judges, many of whom have judged overseas.
- Access to the Members Portal, statistics and ancestry records.
- Internationally recognised Kennel Name (Affix).
- Network with likeminded people.
- A suite of products and services that will support owners and dogs throughout their lives
- Ability to advertise on the Members' Advert section of the website.

# **For pedigreed & crossbreed dogs**